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OTTERPOOL PARK PANEL APPOINTED

A team of experts has been appointed by Shepway District Council to help ensure that Otterpool Park delivers its potential as a garden town of the future.

The 17-strong Otterpool Park Place Panel will provide independent expert advice to the council and act as a 'critical friend' as plans for the Garden Town move ahead.

Leader of the Council, Cllr David Monk, said the panel had a key role in helping the council get things right from the start.

"These are leading professionals bringing experience and expertise in urban design and masterplanning, town planning, landscape design, social infrastructure, sustainability and innovation, transport; housing and heritage.

"We want to create a place where future generations will want to live and work; with carefully designed homes that are within easy walking, cycling and commuting distance of local jobs. A place set amid woodland and natural habitats and with the benefit of cutting edge design, low carbon, low waste and low water use.

"To achieve all this, expert input right from the start is essential."

The Place Panel will start work early in the New Year by reviewing the framework masterplan for Otterpool Park – and then continue to advise the council to make sure the Garden Town is a place fit for the future.

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Editors' Notes:

Place Panels

Place Panels are teams of experts appointed by a local authority to provide specialist advice and support to make sure that planning applications for large developments conform to best practice in 'place shaping' for example creating a great place to live, work and play for the people who live there now and in the future.

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The Panel

Chair

Kay Hughes

Founder, Khaa

Kay Hughes is an architect with extensive client side experience – including the Olympic Delivery Authority, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Sport England and the Arts Council. With a strong commitment to design and placemaking, she has worked with some of the UK's leading architects to deliver high profile, complex and award winning projects, with lasting benefits in infrastructure, masterplanning, architecture and sport.

Place Panel members:

Tony Burton

Consultant

Tony Burton works on community, design and environmental projects, including as a leading neighbourhood planner. He is vice chair of the HS2 Independent Design Panel, and also of the Big Lottery Fund and Friends of the Earth. He founded Civic Voice in 2010 and before that was Director of Strategy and External Affairs at the National Trust, Deputy Director at the Campaign to Protect Rural England and Director of Policy and Communications at the Design Council.

Joanne Cave

Partner, David Lock Associates

Joanne Cave is a planner and urban designer with an ambition to plan, shape and deliver outstanding places for people to live and work. Since joining David Lock Associates in 1997 she has amassed experience and knowledge in the planning, design and delivery of strategic scale development. She now leads complex masterplan projects from concept through to development on the ground, working closely with multidisciplinary teams to ensure an integrated approach.

Nicole Collomb

Consultant

A chartered landscape architect with over 25 years' experience in the public, private and voluntary sectors, Nicole Collomb is an influential advocate for high quality, landscape led development. At the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE), she was responsible for producing national guidance on public space design and management. Now at the Greater London Authority, she is working towards achieving the Mayor's ambition for a London National Park City. A Green Flag Award judge since 2007, she is also a Built Environment Expert at Design Council CABE.

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Melissa Dowler
Director, Bell Phillips Architects

Bell Phillips Architects specialises in housing, in particular exemplary affordable housing for local authority clients. Melissa Dowler has over a decade of experience of housing and regeneration in London and the South East; a broad knowledge of both the public and private sectors; and an in-depth understanding of the pressures, constraints and opportunities of building in both urban and suburban environments. She also has significant experience in public realm design, most notably the award winning Gasholder Park at King's Cross Central.

Barny Evans
Sustainable Places, Energy, Waste, WSP

Barny Evans is a specialist in sustainable development and energy policy with over 13 years' experience, working on schemes of all scales both in the UK and internationally. He runs WSP's Sustainable Places, Energy and Waste team and is a CIBSE Low Carbon Consultant and Certified Measurement and Verification Professional. He is a member of the CIBSE Homes for the Future Group, has published articles, including on electrification and overheating in housing, and provides training for public and private sector clients.

Louise Goodison
Director, Cazenove Architects

An architect and heritage design adviser, Louise Goodison has been director of Cazenove Architects for over 20 years. She advises local authorities, developers and communities throughout London and the South East. As a conservation architect, she works with the Diocese of London, advising and directing at a local level on church and community buildings. She is a Design Council CABE Built Environment Expert and member of Design South East panels.

Paul Hudson
former Chief Planner

Paul Hudson has worked in planning and economic development throughout his career, first for Kent County Council, followed by the former Rochester upon Medway City Council, the South East England Development Agency, and central government where he was Chief Planner and Director of Thames Gateway. He continues to work part time for the government on proposals for national infrastructure. Interests in Kent include Rochester Cathedral, Chatham Historic Dockyard, and the Creative Foundation and the Harbour Development in Folkestone.

Phil Jones
Managing Director, Phil Jones Associates

Phil Jones is a chartered engineer with over 30 years' experience in the planning and design of development infrastructure. He specialises in bringing highway and urban design together to create places and spaces that meet aesthetic, social and functional objectives.

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He was part of the team that produced Manual for Streets, as well as other influential publications, and has carried out research for government and local authorities on residential car parking and cycling infrastructure design.

Selina Mason **Director of Masterplanning, Lendlease Europe**

Selina Mason is a masterplanner and architect who has delivered complex urban masterplans. She now drives high quality design and masterplanning across Lendlease's urban regeneration portfolio. In previous roles, she led LDA Design's urban regeneration masterplanning team in London; was responsible for the design and delivery of the post games transformation masterplan for the Olympic Delivery Authority and London Legacy Development Corporation; and was Director of Architecture and Design Review at the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE).

Stephen Proctor **Founding Director, Proctor & Matthews Architects**

Stephen Proctor has over 25 years' experience as an architect and urban designer. The practice's portfolio includes award winning mixed use regeneration projects, new residential neighbourhoods, education and community buildings and visitor attractions. He is a corresponding member, and past chair, of the RIBA's Housing Group and design panel member of Architecture & Design Scotland and Design South East. He has been a lecturer, visiting critic and external examiner at schools of architecture across the UK and abroad, including the University of Sheffield, where he is a visiting professor.

Sam Richards **Consultant**

As Head of Urban Integration at Crossrail from 2008 to 2017, Sam Richards led this country's largest urban realm improvement programme associated with an infrastructure project. Designs were produced for 31 stations as part of a £100m programme. Before Crossrail, he worked for Transport for London; for London Underground on the Jubilee Line extension; and for the Local Government Association as a policy adviser on planning and transport. He is a member of the Royal Town Planning Institute and the HS2 Independent Design Panel, and a design adviser to Transport for London.

Glen Richardson **Associate Partner, Carter Jonas**

A masterplanner and urban designer, Glen Richardson has over 27 years' experience in the public and private sectors. He has developed large scale frameworks for new growth sites in and around Cambridge, and set up and run design review panels. He now advises private and public sector clients on a wide range of housing and commercial development projects, and develops planning and regeneration strategies for public sector clients across the East and South of England.

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Dinah Roake
Consultant

Dinah Roake has more than 30 years' experience in architecture, environmental design, regeneration and large scale growth. She has worked for the Homes and Community Agency (HCA), Advisory Team for Large Applications (ATLAS), and on some of the country's largest developments, including eco-towns and Northstowe, Cambridgeshire. She is an expert in the comprehensive development of a new town and its social infrastructure.

Irene Seijo
Director, Seijo Associates

Irene Seijo is a landscape consultant with more than 25 years' experience in regeneration and development – working in public space planning, design and management, including the strategic planning of green infrastructure. She also facilitates workshops for professionals and community groups to achieve consensus around complex placemaking issues. She is particularly interested in the role of accessible green infrastructure in tackling health issues and socio economic factors, by encouraging and improving the use of green space.

Judith Sykes
Director, Expedition Engineering

Judith Sykes is a highly experienced civil engineer with particular expertise in the design and delivery of smart and sustainable built environments. She has a background in major infrastructure projects, including Heathrow Terminal 5 and the London 2012 Olympic Park. Her work also includes infrastructure planning for sustainable regeneration projects. A former member of the Milton Keynes Futures 2050 commission, she is also a Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineering (ICE) and editor of the ICE Journal Engineering Sustainability.

Gus Zogolovitch
Managing Director, Inhabit Homes

Gus Zogolovitch has 20 years' experience in property development, including with developer Solidspace. He set up London's first custom build developer, Inhabit Homes, to help people build their own homes; Rare Space which sells high quality, design-led new build homes; and the FCA regulated Crowdestates, a peer-to-peer lending platform for small developers and communities. He is an executive committee member of the National Custom & Self Build Association and chairs its custom build developer group.