

Revitalisation of the European Village – New Garden Village

Winner of the MIPIM AR Future Project Awards 2006



The MIPIM AR Future Project Awards recognise the role that design quality plays in the creation of successful developments. This is not just a matter of designing a good building, but thinking about how it works in its urban or sometimes rural context; it is about thinking in the round.

The jury:

Paul Finch of the Architectural Review, editor; Simon Allford of Allford Hall Monaghan Morris, architect; Hinrich Schumacher of Ingenhoven Architekten, architect; Peter Stewart of PSCPA, planning and architecture consultant; and Roger Zogolovitch, architect and developer.

The jury reported:

"The judges were impressed by the clarity of thinking behind this proposal which could be a generic proposition for large villages and small towns across Europe. The design was inspired by frequent farm closures in Dnemark and Europe. The implication is that revitalisation should be based on building, rather than not building on countryside sites. This design proposes the idea of a new garden village in which the traditional roadside village is given new short streets off it as fingers so that each new house faces more or less open countryside. Varying in size from 25sqm to 350sqm with none exactly the same, their countryside elevations would have windows and timber panelling, while lime-washed plaster would face the local street. The new settlements are intended to become home for people of all ages and incomes".

Local revitalisation category winner was sponsored by Kent County Council (KCC):

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