

# TAYplan wins top UK accolade for excellence in planning



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### Photo left to right:

- RTPI President Colin Haylock,
- Eric Dawson (Architecture & Design Scotland and Chair of Scottish Key Agencies Group),
- Nick Smith Senior Planner TAYplan,
- Cllr John Kellas TAYplan Chair 2012,
- Pam Ewen TAYplan Manager,
- Lorna Sim Planner TAYplan and
- Clive Betts MP (Chair of the Communities and Local Government Select Committee)

TAYplan has won the Royal Town Planning Institute's UK overall award for 2011, the Silver Jubilee Cup, for being "original and visionary in scope" from 130 UK wide contenders. Winning the Spatial Strategies category the team then went on to lift the overall top UK accolade.

Current chair of TAYplan Cllr John Kellas said: "We are all delighted to pick up the top planning award in the UK over such illustrious and high-profile competition. But to be honest we are totally stunned as well!"

Congratulating the TAYplan team, Colin Haylock president of the RTPI, said: "Planners make great places, and what TAYplan demonstrate is that it is

possible to show people how planners go about doing that. By approaching the need for a long-term strategy in a new way, they have brought planning alive. What is so refreshing is what could be a dry technical document has been made accessible by presenting the information in a much more visual manner. The result is a proposed strategy that is simultaneously written to be easily read and understood by a wide audience, professionally robust, and in line with the Scottish Government's desire for a more efficient planning system."

Entries were judged by a panel of planning experts who examined written submissions, carried out interviews and conducted site visits. Full details are available on: <http://www.rtpi.org.uk/>

## TAYplan Proposed Plan Examination Ongoing

Following submission of the Proposed Plan to Scottish Ministers on 1st December 2011 Reporters have now been appointed to examine the Plan.

The purpose of this is to independently examine the Plan and issues arising from representations made on it during summer 2011. So far the Reporters have confirmed that TAYplan has fulfilled its stated commitments to public participation. TAYplan has also recently completed a series of Information Requests for the Reporters.

All matters or queries regarding the examination are being handled by the Scottish Government Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals (DPEA). Should you have any queries you should contact the DPEA on:

- Tel: 01324 696460
- Email: [morag.smith@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:morag.smith@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)
- Website: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/planning/decisions-appeals/Appeals/PlanInquiries>

## Web-Video: Participation in Strategic Development Planning

Architecture and Design Scotland, TAYplan and Scotland's other three Strategic Development Planning Authorities have collaborated to produce a video that invites greater citizen participation in plan making.

To view the video and read more about this innovative approach to engagement use this link: <http://ads.org.uk/urbanism/features/participate-in-plan-making>.

If you would like to feature the video on your website (eg Community Councils); it can be embedded by clicking directly on the video, via the above link, selecting 'embed' and copying the html code into the back end of your web browser and the video will sit within whatever page you choose to install it. Alternatively for a copy of this video on disc, please contact TAYplan and this can be posted to you.



## Forthcoming Events and Activities...

At TAYplan's Joint Committee meeting on Tuesday 2nd October 2012, there will be a discussion around the project plan and research work required in preparing the second Strategic Development Plan.

TAYplan will continue to keep our website up-to-date with information on key dates and progress to assist our communities in this next stage of the Plan. TAYplan's website is also currently being reviewed.

## Registering with us or amending your contact details

If you would like to be kept informed of TAYplan's progress and take part in future consultations and events.

Go to <http://tayplan-sdpa-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>  
**to register:** click login and register – then follow the onscreen instructions.  
**to amend your details:** login and click on 'my account'  
**Need Help?** - Please call us on 01382 307180 and we will try to assist.

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