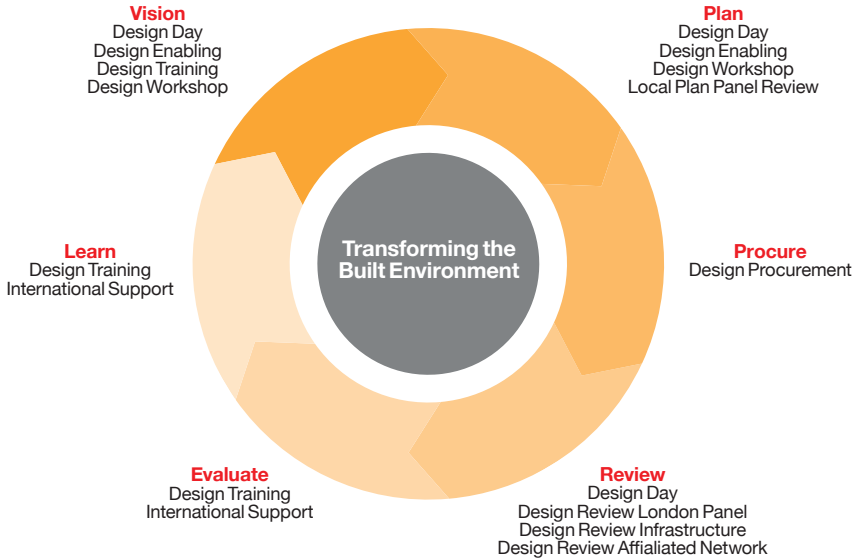


# Transforming the built environment

Together we can make places better  
for people and their communities



# Cabe design services



## Local Plan Panel Reviews

This service is aimed at local authorities; during a two hour panel meeting we discuss their Local Plans or other policy documents with our independent panel of planning experts. This is a valuable opportunity to test new ideas and reflect on an emerging plan and its future direction.

## Design Procurement

Cabe provides support to guide you through the procurement process for designing new or refurbished buildings. Design Procurement is a support package to help increase the capacity of individuals and teams to achieve good design in new development, regeneration or asset management.

## Design Enabling

Enabling is our bespoke client support for the early stages of a project. This is delivered on a one-to-one basis and could be either be a short engagement or a may extend over many months. Typically our input ranges from a single day to a dozen days of expert advice.

## Design Workshop

Our Design Workshops offer you early stage design support on projects that are still work-in progress. These informal two hour sessions are round table dialogues between two Cabe experts and the client/design team.

## Design Review

Design review is our formal independent appraisal of design quality by an interdisciplinary panel of six built environment professionals. A single session typically lasts anywhere from half an hour to a half day and may also incorporate a site visit. A full detailed report is issued after the review.

## Design Day

These individually tailored days help to embed good design and best practice into an organisation. Cabe works directly with you to equip your organisation with the latest thinking around design, planning, architecture and place-making.

## Design Training

Bespoke training packages to help increase the capacity of individuals and teams to achieve good design. We also offer training to international markets through the export of our services.

The Cabe team at the Design Council helps you use design to create places and spaces that improve everyone's quality of life. We do it by offering independent advice and support on design in the built environment.

Whether you need to create a design vision, to plan, commission or procure design, review design quality, evaluate success or learn about design, we can help; ranging from pre-application and confidential discussions to reviewing detailed designs and masterplans.

Our work covers England working with the our regional networks, through our own London Design Review Panel, and internationally in exporting our services and our learning through training and major conferences.

Our services empower and inspire communities, giving them a voice to shape their neighbourhoods. Through identifying and promoting good design, we help overcome the barriers to delivering sustainable developments, acting as a catalyst for increasing economic and social value.

Please get in touch to discuss how we can put together a bespoke, cost-effective package of support for you.

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## Vision

We can work with you from the earliest planning stage, creating the best design approach and vision for your place or project.

Ask us to find new ways of looking at old problems, to innovate and to use our expertise to inspire and help you raise the quality of design in the built environment.

Depending on your project you may benefit from a Design Day, a Design Workshop or a more bespoke Design Enabling package. Call us to discuss your project and the level of support you need.

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## Plan

Good design is the thread that links the whole planning process, from local or neighbourhood plans, to master plans and planning applications.

Our Design Workshop can help you create viable plans and quality places that are adaptable, sustainable and resilient. We analyse new opportunities and develop ways that enable communities to play an active and engaged role in the design of their neighbourhoods.

Our new Local Plan Panel Review for local authorities offers a unique opportunity to have peer support, critical friend feedback and discussion about how to think about “place” in the development of a local plan.



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## Procure

Effective commissioning and procurement can be stressful and time consuming as it requires clear briefs and excellent procurement criteria.

Our Design Procurement service will guide you through the procurement process. Our support can increase cost efficiency, reduce risk and add value through good design.

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## Review

If you are a developer or planner, we can review the design quality of new buildings and infrastructure — giving you confidence as you negotiate the planning process.

Ask us for a Design Review to benefit from expert, independent advice that raises design quality.

Over the past twelve years Cabe has reviewed and commented on over 4,000 of the most nationally significant schemes including proposals for controversial tall buildings, the Olympic venues and major infrastructure projects such as London's new Crossrail stations.

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*“Engaging Cabe helps us test proposals and achieve higher quality urban design”*

**Duncan Brown**  
Major Development Planner,  
London Borough of Tower Hamlets



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## Learn

We want to share our knowledge and expertise with you. We provide Design Training, events and guidance to spread the word about good design and the ways it benefits people and places.

We're also thought leaders. We share ideas and good practice to drive change and influence government policy. And we can offer support to government and non-government organisations in other countries who may wish to set up an independent built environment advice service.

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## Evaluate

We never stop learning. We evaluate our work at every stage and use the lessons we learn to improve our design support services.

Our unrivalled network of Built Environment Experts enable us to hone our experience with the very latest ideas and thinking.

# 93%

of participants find our Design Training changes what they do

# Our approach

Creating a design vision for a place or developing a neighbourhood plan. Reviewing design quality or sharing learning. We are here for you, wherever you work — from buildings and neighbourhoods to major infrastructure projects and cities.

We are a small core team of experts offering independent and impartial multi-disciplinary professional advice through our extensive network of 250 Built Environment Experts (BEEs) across England.

Our BEE network covers a broad range of practice from the principles of place-making to specialisms such as health, housing, inclusion and procurement ensuring you receive the expert advice and support you need.

# Contact us

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The Design Council enables people to use design to transform communities, business and the environment for the better.

As an enterprising charity, our work creates value by stimulating innovation in business and public services, improving our built environment and tackling complex social issues.

We inspire new design thinking, encourage public debate and inform Government policy to improve everyday life and help meet tomorrow's challenges today.