

## PRESS RELEASE

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### Sir Terry Farrell delighted with response to Farrell Review consultation

The Farrell Review has had an extremely positive response to the online Call for Evidence and workshops held throughout the country. This wide ranging consultation will help Sir Terry Farrell write his National Review of Architecture and the Built Environment established by Culture Minister Ed Vaizey at the beginning of the year.

The online Call for Evidence launched in June asked questions relating to the themes of the review and produced a range of ideas from differing viewpoints throughout the UK. Over 200 responses were received from individuals, companies, groups and institutions with many organising questionnaires for members representing over 370,000 people.

Alongside the Call for Evidence, the Review team organised workshops and sessions in London, Bristol, Birmingham, Manchester and Newcastle to hear recommendations from leading industry figures. Workshops were attended by members of Sir Terry's expert advisory panel and 192 individuals from built environment professions including education, planning, sustainability, architecture, landscape, urban design and policy making.

Workshops focused on specific themes including design quality and the role of government; the economic benefits of built environment design; cultural heritage and education, outreach & skills. Sessions were also organised around architectural policy, developers, sustainability, and landscape and urban design.

Some of the key themes that emerged were that placemaking, sustainability and holistic thinking should be central to any built environment policy; improving the everyday and making the ordinary better should be a focus; the right policies and the right people are key; greater accessibility in the professional education is needed; good work is being done through place-based learning at primary and secondary schools and with adults and communities through architecture centres; linking up and making the best use of existing bodies and institutions would prevent good work being lost; breaking down silos in government, industry and education would be a great success.

Sir Terry said *"the level of engagement, knowledge and experience shared during the consultation phase has been humbling. The workshops and call for evidence proved highly productive and we have a wealth of creative and pro-active ideas that we are now assessing and researching to make a very clear case to Government and others."*

*I am extremely grateful to those individuals and organisations who have made a contribution and their views will undoubtedly improve the outcome of the Review. I will now spend the coming months meeting with the advisory panel and others, drafting and refining the Review into something that will make a real difference and hopefully have an impact in Whitehall and beyond."*

Future sessions include a Government Officials' round table for representatives of a number of Government departments. Sir Terry and the review team are also actively linking up with other reviews including the Taylor Review, Construction 2025 and the Housing Standards Review. Meetings have already taken place with other parliamentary and local government organisations including the

Shadow Culture Minister, Local Government Association and the All Party Parliamentary Group for the Built Environment.

The full panel will meet again in October to discuss the findings and help shape the report, its dissemination and legacy. Sir Terry is aiming to submit the report to DCMS at the end of the year and it is expected to be published in early 2014 alongside a multi-media project planned by the Farrell Review team to provide a 'snapshot' and capture the spirit of the review.

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

### **About the Farrell Review**

Sir Terry Farrell has been asked by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) to conduct an independent review of Architecture and the Built Environment. The Review is engaging as widely as possible to help DCMS develop its thinking about the role for Government in achieving high quality design and shape policy and to help the built environment sector address the important issues of our times.

### **About the Workshops and sessions**

The format of the workshops and sessions included a broad discussion, opening up definitions, followed by an output orientated approach, inviting all participants to suggest their key recommendations. These included;

#### Thematic Workshops

- Design Quality Workshop hosted by New London Architecture (NLA)
- Economic Benefits Workshop hosted by London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
- Cultural Heritage Workshop hosted by Alan Baxter & Associates
- Education Outreach and Skills Workshop hosted by University College London (UCL)
- Landscape and Urban Design Workshop hosted by Capita Symonds

#### Regional Workshops

- Manchester Workshop hosted by Bruntwood and supported by URBED
- Birmingham Workshop hosted by MADE
- Bristol Workshop hosted by The Architecture Centre, Bristol
- Newcastle Workshop hosted by Northern Architecture

#### Sessions

- Property Developers Session hosted by DCMS
- Policy Session on examples of formal architecture policies adopted in EU countries hosted by Farrells
- Sustainability Session hosted by Farrells

The workshops and sessions were attended by 192 individuals including the chairs and panel members. The attendees included;

- 40 Architectural practices, represented by principal or senior architects.
- 10 Architecture Centres
- 12 Landscape and Urban Design practices
- 26 Developers and Regeneration specialists
- 24 representatives from 16 Government Departments and Advisory Bodies
- 16 University departments in architecture, planning, sociology and economics.
- 9 Conservation and Retro-fit specialists
- 5 Housing Associations and House Builders
- 11 Institutes and professional bodies
- 10 individuals from Think Tanks and Policy Groups
- Transport Planners, Chartered Surveyors, Contractors, Engineers, Project Managers, Planning Consultants.

Further information on the Farrell Review can be found on the website: [www.farrellreview.co.uk](http://www.farrellreview.co.uk). The Review team are launching a Facebook page today and invite people to read blogs by the panel and share their views on Twitter #FarrellReview.

For further information or high-resolution versions of the below images please contact:

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**IMAGE CAPTIONS**

1. Sir Terry Farrell and Ed Vaizey at the launch of the Call for Evidence and the London Festival of Architecture at the RIBA
2. Education, Outreach and Skills Workshop hosted by UCL
3. Cultural Heritage Workshop hosted by Alan Baxter & Associates
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