

sustainableBYdesign bucks the trend by establishing new design studio

Lynne Sullivan and former colleagues from Inbuilt Design launched their new architecture and design practice **sustainableBYdesign** at Ecobuild 2009 and are now up and running in their offices in Putney working on projects from low-energy primary schools to homes designed for PassivHaus accreditation.

sustainableBYdesign LLP has a unique working methodology using:

- a customised Sustainability Knowledge Map to benchmark all projects against eight themes for social, economic and environmental impacts
- a Design Development methodology which involves working in 3D from inception of a project, using state-of-the-art integrated software packages to allow visualisation for both massing options and environmental analyses

The founding partners of **sustainableBYdesign** have combined experience and higher qualifications in building science and environmental studies as well as architecture. The partnership is committed to excellence in design achieved by a synthesis of traditional architectural skills with technical intuition derived from environmental studies and a track record of delivering low-energy development.

Lynne Sullivan said “People want buildings which not only bring them health and inspiration but play a part in tackling global problems like climate change. Clients are telling us there is still only a handful of architects whose knowledge and working methods enable them to demonstrate from the word go how key decisions at the early stages can have a major effect on future well-being, social integration, energy use and resource-efficiency. Combining this ability with a track record of delivering projects of quality, we have already proved that these are skills which clients want and are coming to us for”.

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Lynne Sullivan was previously Sustainability Director at Broadway Malyan Architects 2000-2008 and before that Associate Director at ECD. As a practising architect, she has a successful track record of award-winning sustainable buildings. She co-authored the winning entry of the Government's first Zero CO2 Housing Competition in 1999 and has specialised in sustainable and low-energy developments for more than 20 years. She is one of three practising architects on the Government's Building Regulations Advisory Committee (BRAC), and was the only architect on the Government's 2004-5 Sustainable Buildings Taskgroup. She chaired the independent advisory panel that published the 'Sullivan Report' ('A Low Carbon Building Standards Strategy for Scotland' 2007), and currently chairs the BRAC Working Party on Part L. In 2008 she delivered one of the feedback presentations from the Code Level 6 Hanham Hall Carbon Challenge competition at the NLA, as Project Architect for the Taylor Wimpey scheme in the final shortlist.

In addition to current commissions, **sustainableBYdesign** is also collaborating with other design practices, forming project partnerships where skills and know-how are complementary, particularly promoting their expertise in project sustainability and modelling.

sustainableBYdesign has structured its knowledge bank, software and production capability around their philosophy of **THINK, DESIGN, DELIVER**. This enables continuous dialogue with clients and other design team members around current awareness and best practice for sustainable project outcomes, through 3D visualisations of organisational and energy impacts of options to detailing and specifications to deliver low air leakage construction, high energy efficiency and excellent whole-life performance.

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