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# #BIGAwards 2018 shortlist revealed

With the judging for the 2018 [BIG Biodiversity Challenge](#) Awards finally behind us – we can honestly say our judges had to make some tough decisions. Competition was fierce in some categories and the Challenge is proving that year on year, the industry excels in going that extra mile to “do one thing” to enhance biodiversity.

With 85+ entries across eight categories plus nominees for the BIG Biodiversity Champion Award, our judging panel has narrowed down the 2018 shortlist. All category winners, the overall winner and our BIG Biodiversity Champion will be announced at an Awards ceremony on 12th September at the Royal College of Physicians, in central London.

**Dr Martina Girvan, member of the judging panel and Technical Director – Ecology and Arboriculture, Arcadis Consulting Ltd** commented *“The standard of submissions continues to increase, with fantastic entries of all shapes and sizes and from more and more areas across the UK. It’s wonderful to see the UK construction industry truly rising to the BIG Biodiversity Challenge and embracing the ethos of “do one thing” for biodiversity enhancement. As all the submissions are available on [www.bigchallenge.info](http://www.bigchallenge.info) they provide a brilliant resource for boosting biodiversity! We look forward to even more demonstration of the very best practice in construction for biodiversity next year.”*

The shortlisted projects and the nominees for the BIG Biodiversity Champion Award are listed below by category and can be viewed at [www.bigchallenge.info](http://www.bigchallenge.info).

**Voting for the BIG Biodiversity Champion is now open at [www.bigchallenge.info](http://www.bigchallenge.info)**

### 2018 Shortlist

#### Client Award sponsored by *Kier*

- Dover Harbour Board and Volker Stevin / Boskalis Westminster Joint Venture
- Berkeley Group
- Network Rail
- Artecology Ltd for Wightlink Isle of Wight Ferries

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Community Engagement Award sponsored by *Landsec*

- City of Trees, Galliford Try and Project Partners
- Kier Construction London
- Redrow Homes
- Morrison Construction and East Ayrshire Council

**Medium-Large scale Project of the Year Award sponsored by *British Land***

- Kier Utilities and Bristol Water
- Scottish and Southern Electricity Network
- Kier Highways and Highways England

**Small Scale Project of the Year Award**

- Redrow Homes
- Willmott Dixon Construction Ltd
- Sir Robert McAlpine
- Berkeley Homes (North East London)
- LaSalle Investment Management

**Monitoring, Maintenance and Management Award sponsored by *Sir Robert McAlpine***

- Highways England, Sir Robert McAlpine
- Atkins Ltd and Tarmac Ltd
- Network Rail

**NEW: Innovation Award sponsored by *The Berkeley Group***

- Artecology Ltd for Wightlink Isle of Wight Ferries
- Berkeley Homes (North East London)
- Skanska
- Various London boroughs, housing associations, schools, community groups, charities, RSPB and Buglife

**Pollinator Award**

- Scottish and Southern Electricity Network
- Redrow Homes

**Temporary Award**

- Kier Construction London
- Osborne for DJ Two
- Skanska

This year's Awards evening will take place on 12 September at The Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrew's Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4LE. For further information on the Challenge, this year's shortlisted entries (plus photos) and to vote for the BIG Biodiversity Champion, please visit [www.bigchallenge.info](http://www.bigchallenge.info)

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The BIG Biodiversity Challenge and Awards would not be possible without sponsorship support from: **The Berkeley Group, British Land, Kier, Landsec, Sir Robert McAlpine**, and overall prize sponsor **Wildflower Turf Ltd.**

A limited number of tickets for the awards evening are available for sale, [so book early](#) to avoid disappointment. (continued overleaf)

For organisations wishing to raise their profile as champions of biodiversity, the BIG Biodiversity Challenge and Awards provides fantastic sponsorship opportunities. To find out more please visit [www.bigchallenge.info](http://www.bigchallenge.info).

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## **Notes to Editors**

For more information about CIRIA, the BIG Biodiversity Challenge 2018, details of case studies entered in this year's Challenge (and photos) as well as a press pass to attend the Awards evening please contact:

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### **About CIRIA**

CIRIA is the construction industry research and information association. It is an independent, not-for-profit, member-based research organisation that exists to champion performance improvement in construction.

Since 1960 CIRIA has delivered support and guidance to the construction, built environment and infrastructure sectors. CIRIA works with members from all parts of the supply chain to co-ordinate collaborative projects, industry networks and events. Its high quality guidance is delivered to industry through publications, training and other performance improvement activities.

For more information on CIRIA's products and services please visit [www.ciria.org](http://www.ciria.org).

### **About the BIG Biodiversity Challenge**

CIRIA's BIG Biodiversity Challenge offers advice and learning to show how biodiversity enhancements can be simple, affordable and achievable. Signing up couldn't be easier; it's free to enter and all you need to do is sign up on the website [www.bigchallenge.info](http://www.bigchallenge.info) and submit your case study. This year the BIG Biodiversity Challenge Awards are divided into eight categories:

- BIG Biodiversity Champion award
- Client award – sponsored by **Kier**
- Community engagement award – sponsored by **Landsec**
- Project of year award – small scale (below 5ha)
- Project of year award –medium-large scale (5ha or over) – sponsored by **British Land**
- Innovation award – new award for 2018 – sponsored by **Berkeley Group**
- Monitoring, maintenance and management award – sponsored by **Sir Robert McAlpine**
- Pollinator project of the year award
- Temporary project of year award

As in previous years' there will be one overall winner (prize sponsored by **Wildflower Turf Ltd**) for the enhancement that demonstrates an outstanding commitment to biodiversity. [Entries for 2018 can be viewed here](#).

To find out more visit [www.bigchallenge.info](http://www.bigchallenge.info) or email <mailto:suzanne.simmons@ciria.org>

### **About the BIG Biodiversity Interest Group**

Led by CIRIA's Biodiversity Interest Group, the BIG Biodiversity Challenge invites the industry to add one new biodiversity enhancement to a construction site, development or existing building, however big or small, permanent or temporary, and be creative about enhancing biodiversity.

CIRIA's Biodiversity Interest Group acts as a working group to focus on delivering tangible outputs. We see biodiversity as a key emerging issue that needs a clearer understanding within the industry; otherwise it can become a second thought or add on rather than an integrated part of a project. Currently, unless it is a protected species or habitat, biodiversity enhancements are voluntary but we want to see it going further than this. For further details email <mailto:suzanne.simmons@ciria.org>