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# Proudly presenting: 2017 BIG Biodiversity Challenge Awards finalists

The wait is over! Following a fraught competition and intensive days of judging, we're delighted to announce the shortlisted entries for the 2017 BIG Biodiversity Challenge Awards. With 100+ entries to choose from across eight categories, plus the nominees for the BIG Biodiversity Champion Award the judging panel had their work cut out. All category winners, overall winner and our BIG Biodiversity Champion will be announced at an Awards ceremony on the 14 September at the Blue Fin venue, in London.

**Chair of Judges, Louise Clarke, Head of Sustainable Places, The Berkeley Group** commented *"Overall it was encouraging to see how biodiversity was being considered earlier on in projects and those that have been shortlisted this year often looked for the multiple opportunities for enhancements on their project. The judges once again had some difficult discussion in deciding the shortlists for the categories, but were delighted with some of the innovative approaches and ideas that are being developed."*

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).

**BIG Biodiversity Champion Award sponsored by Sir Robert McAlpine**  
**Voting for the Champion is now open at [www.bigchallenge.info](http://www.bigchallenge.info)**

- Christopher Rochford from Costain
- Kathy Grogan from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust
- Kris Crookes from ESH Construction
- Lizzie Rendell from Skanska
- Rory Daines from Morgan Sindall
- Victoria Pollard from Merseylink Civil Contractors Joint Venture
- Will Eddy from Osborne

**Client Award sponsored by Kier**

- Island Roads Highways PFI (Client) with Artecology, Environment Agency and Arc Consulting
- Arup, The Crown Estate, Grosvenor Britain & Ireland, The Portman Estate, Shaftesbury, Howard de Walden

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### **Community Engagement Award sponsored by *Land Securities***

- RG Group
- Berkeley Homes (East Thames) and London Wildlife Trust
- National Grid
- Mace and London Wildlife Trust

### **Large Scale Permanent Award**

- Atkins, City of London and BAM Nuttall
- Sir Robert McAlpine Ltd
- Merseylink (MCCJV), Mersey Gateway Crossings Board, Mersey Gateway Environmental Trust

### **Medium Scale Permanent Award sponsored by *British Land***

- Kier Utilities/ Team Van Oord
- Skanska & Network Rail
- St James (Berkeley Group)
- Costain-Skanska Joint Venture (CSJV)

### **Small Scale Permanent Award**

- REDROW Homes Ltd
- Kier on behalf of Canal and River Trust
- Costain Kent Multi-functional Framework Team and Network Rail

### **Maintenance and Management Award**

- Environment Agency
- Kier Highways
- Environment Agency

### **Pollinator Award sponsored by *The Berkeley Group***

- Kier Group: Local Highways Division
- Willmott Dixon
- J Murphy & Sons

### **Temporary Award**

- Sir Robert McAlpine Ltd
- Osborne
- ARUP & Grosvenor
- David Wilson Homes, Nicholsons and RSPB
- Crossrail, BFK, Friends of City Gardens, studio xmpl, 1st Crystal Palace (2nd Croydon) Scouts

This year's Awards evening will take place on 14 September at Blue Fin venue, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Blue Fin Building, 110 Southwark Street, London SE1 0SU. 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)

The BIG Biodiversity Challenge and Awards would not be possible without sponsorship support from: The **Berkeley Group**, **British Land**, **Kier**, **Land Securities**, **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.

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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 2017, 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:

- Client award – sponsored by **Kier**
- Community engagement award – sponsored by **Land Securities**
- Large scale permanent award
- Medium scale permanent award – sponsored by **British Land**
- Small scale permanent award
- Maintenance and management award
- Pollinator award – sponsored by **The Berkeley Group**
- Temporary award
- BIG Biodiversity Champion award - sponsored by **Sir Robert McAlpine**

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 2017 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>