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## Message from Chief Planner

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With kind regards,

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The awards recognise planners, surveyors, and architects through the RTPI, RICS and RIBA. They address a broad range of vital design issues, from quality and sustainability to replicability. The judging process is supported by Homes England, the Greater London Authority, Home Builders Federation, the National House Building Council and Future Homes Hub.

The 2025 awards are now open for submissions. The deadline for entry is **Thursday 12 March** – [click here](#) to enter. Winners will be announced in autumn of this year.