

NORTH KESTEVEN BUILDING PROJECTS TO BE RECOGNISED NATIONALLY

Two North Kesteven building projects have been singled out as among the best in the East Midlands and put forward for national recognition in the Local Authority Building Control Awards.

A Windmill conversion at Scopwick and a school extension at Norton Disney were considered as the best in their categories against others submitted from across the five counties of the East Midlands.

As clients of North Kesteven District Council Building Control Service they had already won the Councils Building Excellence Awards and are now set for national consideration.

Lincoln builder Rob White also won the regional category for Best Residential & Small Commercial Builder and the council's showcase scheme of eight Passivhaus council homes built to the highest energy efficiency standards at Potterhanworth was highly commended as Best Small Scale Housing development.

The Windmill in Scopwick is a self build conversion and extension to an historic windmill which was last used a century ago. The applicant had a vision and with architect David Parish, delivered on that vision. With the use of old photos to restore listed features and innovative approaches to meet modern day standards and skill, craftsmanship and approaches employed in this self build project ensure it's completion to the highest standards.

Witham Prospect School in Norton Disney is a classroom extension which incorporates a student dining area, designed by Ryland design Services. The multifunctional educational space has resulted in a comfortable, spacious facility with all of the amenities needed to enhance opportunity for a brighter start to life. The extension blends seamlessly in to it's surroundings and is overall a very aesthetically-pleasing functional design. The proactive management of the site, maintained by a thorough approach to health and safety, led to an outstanding project delivery.

Rob White has 20 years of experience in the trade, the last seven working for himself. He is an excellent builder who shows an awful amount of customer care and pride in his work with a mantra that the work he produces should be good enough for his own home.

In Potterhanworth – Lindum BMS's construction of eight highly energy-efficient homes in North Kesteven District Council, designed by Low Carbon Box, have been built to the international Passivhaus standard of airtightness their design and exceptional execution stops the unnecessary movement of air, avoiding loss of warmth.

Feedback from the Passivhaus inspector was exceptional, placing these advanced homes within the top 1% for airtightness in the UK. These properties are an example of what can be achieved through innovative thinking and exceptional foresight and engagement.

The national final will take place in London on the 19th January 2024 with the Scopwick and Norton Disney projects and Rob White all set to be championed and celebrated.

FOSSE GREEN SOLAR NSIP DEVELOPMENT- INFORMALNON-STATUARY CONSULTATION STARTS

The applicant is holding their non-statutory (informal) consultation on the project from Monday 11th September to Friday 20th October. As part of this the applicant will be holding four in person drop in consultation events and one online event. The drop in events is at village halls in Witham St Hughs, Thorpe on the Hill, Navenby and Bassingham, between Saturday 30th September and Saturday 7th October.

Around 13,000 addresses within a 3km radius of the site/grid corridor are also being notified and press releases will be issued in advance. The non statutory consultation aims to brief the local community and provide Q&A feedback outlets in relation to the broad components of the project and high level masterplans before moving in to the 'statutory' consultation phase envisaged starting in early 2024 when the draft DCO submission documents – including the draft Environmental Statement – will be consulted upon. The DCO application is expected to be submitted to PINS as Examining Authority in Autumn 2024.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MEDICINE AND LIVES RESPONSE SERVICE

The NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board would like your views on their expansion of the Community Emergency Medicine (CEM) Service, and LIVES Falls Response Service. At the moment, 3 specialist LIVES cars go to patients who have fallen between 8.00am and 8pm to try and treat them in their homes. This Falls Response Service brings the Emergency Department to the patient with either a doctor or Advanced Clinical Practitioner in each vehicle, supported by a registered paramedic or nurse. The experience and skills of the crew means that they can treat a wider range of illnesses and injuries at the scene rather than the patient having to go to hospital. The vehicles are highly equipped and carry advanced diagnostics, including blood analysis and ultrasound equipment, a large stock of drugs and other equipment needed to provide this service. The NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board are now developing a service and would welcome your views on it.

COMMUNITY ENERGY FUND

This funding for energy generating projects (e.g. solar panels, EV charging, wind and water based energy) has been announced, guidance is expected in the near future. You may wish to begin preparations and/or keep an eye on DESNZ channels for future details to be released, as it is expected that the timescales for application may be short. Local Authorities such as North Kesteven District Council cannot apply, but community groups and Parish Councils can, and the project's should be community based.

Best Wishes
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