

Design Review

Innovative Housing Programme (IHP) Design Review Guidance for Applicants 2020

All applicants for funding through the Innovative Housing Programme (IHP) should consult the Design Commission for Wales (DCFW) on their proposals through DCFW's design review service.

DCFW seeks to promote good design in the built environment and the design review service is intended to bring about positive changes to proposals that will add value and enhance their contribution to public good. This is best achieved early in the design process so that there is scope for change in advance of the IHP submission. We recognise that this may not always be achievable within the IHP process, but every effort should be made to engage with DCFW at an appropriate time and as early as possible.

The design review will consider all aspects of the design, not just the proposed innovation. DCFW will provide confirmation of attendance at design review and a copy of the design review report to the IHP Assessment Panel.

Special design review days have been arranged to accommodate IHP applicants. **The following dates are available:**

August – Monday 17th, Wednesday 19th

September – Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 16th, Monday 21st, Wednesday 23rd

Due to COVID 19 social distancing requirements, all reviews will be held online via MS Teams. If you do not have access to MS Teams or have any technical queries, please get in touch as soon as possible.

BOOKING DEADLINE END OF AUGUST 2020

It is important that you contact DCFW as soon as possible via the contact below to arrange a slot on one of these days. Design review slots must be booked by the end of August 2020. Slots will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

The design review process for IHP applicants will be slightly different to normal to ensure that the timescales of the IHP can be met and that timely feedback is given to the teams. Therefore, **one electronic copy** of material about your proposal will need to be submitted to DCFW **one week in advance** of the review. DCFW will provide a short report outlining their key points to the team within ten days of the review.

Guidance on the design review process is available in the [Guide to Design Review](#) and [Design Review Essentials](#) available on the DCFW website.

To book your design review or if you have any questions please contact DCFW on connect@dcfw.org