Introduction

**1. What sector do you represent?**

 Academia

 Government Departments

 Local Government

 Private Sector - Consultancy

 Private Individuals

 Community/ Voluntary Organisation

Professional body

**2. If you are replying on behalf of an organisation, please state the name of your organisation.**

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**3. What is your current job role/discipline?**

 Architect

 Architectural Technologist

 Building services engineer

 Construction contractor

 Civil/ structural Engineer

 Civil Servant

 Conservation/ Archaeology Heritage

 Developer

 Infrastructure & transportation

 Landscape architect

 Project manager

 Quantity surveyor

 Regeneration officer

 Sustainability

 Town planner

 Urban design

Other—please give details below

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Over the past few decades in the UK and Europe, there has been a growing appreciation of how well-designed, well-performing buildings and places can promote social and cultural development, health and economic well-being and a sustainable future; hence a number of European countries and regions have developed architectural policies, setting high aspirations for the design quality of our buildings and places.  At this early stage of or policy review, we welcome your thoughts on what themes should be prioritised in the development of a new Architecture and Built Environment Policy for Northern Ireland.

We acknowledge that all themes are relevant for inclusion, however this will help our policy team identify the balance of needs, priorities and aspirations of different stakeholder groups and help inform more in-depth discussions as the policy develops.

**4. How we design, build and use our buildings and places has a profound effect on the environment. The built environment has a significant role to play in tackling the climate crisis. What themes do you think should a new Architecture and the Built Environment Policy prioritise over the next 5-10 years, in terms of raising performance and design quality of SUSTAINABILITY. Please rank in order your priority in relation to you job role (1 as highest and 5 as lowest).**

* Health and well-being and environmental quality
* Net-zero and carbon budgets
* Climate mitigation strategies
* Defining and realising initial and long-term green energy
* Retention/ Repurpose/ Retrofit/ Re-use

**5. Well-designed and well-performing places and buildings inspire, welcome and promote social, economic and health and well-being benefits. What do you think a new Architecture and the Built Environment Policy should address to over the next 5-10 years, to raise PERFORMANCE AND QUALITY. Please rank in order your priority in relation to you job role (1 as highest and 8 as lowest).**

* Investment in early-stage brief, performance and associated design processes
* Systems that define initial and update project scope, budget and appropriate procurement methods
* Quality in construction
* Performance and resilience
* Inclusive: Defining and realising design for everyone
* Infrastructure first
* Peer/ Design Review process
* Assessing design in development control/ planning

**6. The built environment is complex and requires expertise, leadership and collaboration from the ‘bottom-up’ and ‘top-down’ to deliver good design. What do you think should a new Architecture and the Built Environment Policy should prioritise over the next 5-10 years, in terms of LEADERSHIP AND COLLABORATION. Please rank in order your priority in relation to you job role (1 as highest and 6 as lowest).**

* Government department collaboration
* Local government collaboration
* Inter-discipline collaboration
* Community collaboration – engagement, co-design
* Business cases - Government as an exemplar client
* Championing good design and showing leadership in decision-making

**7. We have a duty to this and future generations to protect a valuable and irreplaceable heritage which enriches the character of the places in which we live. To live sustainably, we need to value the past and plan for a sustainable future. What themes do you think should a new Architecture and the Built Environment Policy prioritise over the next 5-10 years, to address issues in relation to HERITAGE, CULTURE AND IDENTITY. Please rank in order your priority in relation to you job role (1 as highest and 5 as lowest).**

* Natural heritage
* Built heritage
* Cultural heritage
* Traditional & heritage skills
* Planning policies: development need and control

**8. A better-informed society will be more discerning and demanding and is likely to be more responsive to initiatives, to demand good design and to accept greater responsibility for living sustainably. What themes do you think should a new Architecture and the Built Environment Policy prioritise over the next 5-10 years, in terms of raising KNOWLEDGE, AWARENESS AND OUTREACH of good design. Please rank in order your priority in relation to you job role (1 as highest and 5 as lowest).**

* Social mobility – attracting talent to design professions
* Raising the awareness of the impact of good design
* Knowledge sharing: Investing in and access to research & data
* Competency and training to raise design standards
* Promotion of place and building design as a cultural expression

**9. Are there any other themes for any of the actions areas noted in Q4–8 which you consider relevant to a renewed Architecture and the Built Environment Policy for Northern Ireland? (There is a limit of 3700 characters for this response)**

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**10. Thinking about your job role, what do you think are the barriers and issues which stifle the development of high-quality buildings and places in Northern Ireland? (There is a limit of 3700 characters)**

**11. What can our Government Departments do better to deliver high-quality buildings and places in Northern Ireland? (There is a limit of 3700 characters)**

**Government Departments do better**

Mechanisms

The next four questions are in relation to mechanisms to deliver high-quality buildings and places. We welcome answers in relation to how an Architecture and the Built Environment Policy could be used to support design-thinking, planning, procurement and construction.

**12. Thinking about your job role, how do you think good design is achieved? (There is a limit of 3700 characters)**

**13. How do you think an Architecture and the Built Environment Policy can help deliver high-quality developments and places in terms of architectural quality, good urban and rural design, appropriateness to locality, sustainability and climate change considerations? (There is a limit of 3700 characters)**

**14. How do you think our public procurement system can better support the delivery of high-quality buildings and places? (There is a limit of 3700 characters)**

**15. How do you think an Architecture and the Built Environment Policy can support the construction industry to deliver high-quality buildings and places in Northern Ireland? (There is a limit of 3700 characters)**

Implementation

The Ministerial Advisory Group (MAG) for Architecture and the Built Environment was established in 2007 to advise the Minister (as Ministerial Design Champion) on the implementation and development of the Architecture and the Built Environment Policy for Northern Ireland.  MAG Members and Expert Advisors are appointed, based on their expertise and ambition to improve design in the built environment, to gain the confidence of design and construction industry and public.

**16. How can our Government further embed and implement a renewed Architecture and the Built Environment Policy? (There is a limit of 3700 characters)**

Existing Architecture and the Built Environment Policy

The Architecture and the Built Environment Policy for Northern Ireland was first published in 2006.

The Policy Vision is ‘An attractive, healthy, safe and sustainable built environment which functions effectively and enriches the experience of living for everyone in Northern Ireland.’

The current policy can be found here: [Architecture and the Built Environment Policy for Northern Ireland](https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/publications/architecture-and-built-environment-policy)

**17. Are you familiar with the Architecture and the Built Environment Policy for NI, an NI Executive policy endorsed by all Government Departments in 2006?**

Yes

No

Existing Architecture and the Built Environment Policy

The current policy can be found here: http://communities-ni.gov.uk/publications/architecture-and-built-environment-policy

**18. Do you use the Architecture and the Built Environment Policy in your current job role?**

 Yes

 No

Existing Architecture and the Built Environment Policy

The current policy can be found here: <http://communities-ni.gov.uk/publications/architecture-and-built-environment-policy>

**19. What three principles/ objectives/ actions of the current Architecture and the Built Environment Policy do you find useful? (There is a limit of 3700 characters)**

Existing Architecture and the Built Environment Policy

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**20. Any further comments?  (There is a limit of 3700 characters)**