



## News release

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### First CEEQUAL Outstanding Achievements Awards unveiled

#### The best sustainable features of UK civil engineering recognised by most senior industry experts

The Olympic Park, a footbridge, road bypass, flood alleviation scheme, gas pipeline and even a deep foul sewer have all being recognised for their outstanding environmental and social sustainability features.

Eight infrastructure and civil engineering projects in the UK were presented with an Outstanding Achievement Award by CEEQUAL, the assessment scheme for improving sustainability in civil engineering and the public realm, at a ceremony held last night at the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE). This is the first time that CEEQUAL has chosen to highlight any specific aspect of projects which have gone through the CEEQUAL assessment process.

A further three projects picked up a total of nine Highly Commended trophies.

However, in two categories covered by CEEQUAL – Energy & Carbon, and Transport – no Outstanding Achievement awards or commendations were made.

Professor Paul Jowitt, chairman of the judging panel and former President of the ICE, said:

“It was clear from the nominations we considered that some genuinely good work is being done but we also felt strongly that the Awards should be about *Outstanding Achievement*, not what might be called ‘best in show’. We were therefore looking for not just very good practice but for performance that was genuinely exceptional – what CEEQUAL often describes as ‘pinnacle best practice’. As a result of this approach, the judges concluded that there was to be no winner or highly commended in the Transport and Energy & Carbon sections. Despite the disappointment it will bring to the teams involved, I trust that it will challenge the industry to up their game even further, particularly in these areas.”

From a total of 34 shortlisted applications, a diverse group of projects were chosen by the judges for their demonstration of genuine excellence:

- The Olympic Park picked up Outstanding Achievement Awards in three different categories: project management (for the Park overall), land use (for the north and south areas’ enabling works) and landscape (for the primary foul sewer and pumping station).

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- The A58 Blackbrook diversion scheme won the ecology and biodiversity category.
- Parc Cybi business park won the category for archaeology and cultural heritage.
- The Harefield to Southall gas pipeline project won the waste management category.
- Moneymore flood alleviation scheme won the Outstanding Achievement Award for the category which looks at effects on neighbours.
- The Castleford footbridge won the category for community relations.

Highly Commended certificates also went to the Cross Valley Link Road (project management), Park for Truro (landscape, and ecology and biodiversity), the Olympic Park enabling works (ecology and biodiversity, and archaeology and cultural heritage), Parc Cybi (water issues, and material use), Granville Industrial Estate (material use) and Moneymore flood alleviation scheme (community relations).

Joining Paul Jowitt on the judging panel were other industry leaders including Rosemary Beales (CEO of CECA), Professor Peter Guthrie from the University of Cambridge, Anthony Oliver (Editor of New Civil Engineer), Nelson Ogunshakin (CEO of ACE) and Andrew Swain (CEEQUAL Director and Chair of the CEEQUAL Technical Advisory Group).

A full list of the Outstanding Achievement Award winners and Highly Commended projects is available at: [http://www.ceequal.co.uk/outstanding\\_achievements.htm](http://www.ceequal.co.uk/outstanding_achievements.htm)

Further details are also available on:

#### **A58 Blackbrook Diversion Scheme, St Helens:**

St Helens Council, Gifford, Birse Civils

[http://www.ceequal.co.uk/awards\\_034.htm](http://www.ceequal.co.uk/awards_034.htm)

#### **Castleford Footbridge:**

Tony Gee & Partners, Costain

[http://www.ceequal.co.uk/awards\\_043.htm](http://www.ceequal.co.uk/awards_043.htm)

#### **Olympic Park Enabling Works (North and South Areas):**

Olympic Delivery Authority, Atkins, Morrison Construction and BAM Nuttal

[http://www.ceequal.co.uk/awards\\_068.htm](http://www.ceequal.co.uk/awards_068.htm)

#### **Olympic Park Primary Foul Sewer and Pumping Station:**

Olympic Delivery Authority, Arup and Barhale Construction, Hyder Consulting, Donaldson Associates, John Lyall Architects, Barhale Construction

[http://www.ceequal.co.uk/awards\\_079.htm](http://www.ceequal.co.uk/awards_079.htm)

#### **Harefield to Southall Gas Pipeline:**

National Grid, Murphy Pipelines Ltd

[http://www.ceequal.co.uk/awards\\_066.htm](http://www.ceequal.co.uk/awards_066.htm)

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## **Parc Cybi business park development, Holyhead:**

Welsh Assembly Government, Atkins, Austin-Smith:Lord, Jones Bros (Ruthin) Ltd

[http://www.ceequal.co.uk/awards\\_038.htm](http://www.ceequal.co.uk/awards_038.htm)

## **Moneymore flood alleviation scheme, Northern Ireland:**

DARD Rivers Agency, DAWSON-WAM Ltd

[http://www.ceequal.co.uk/awards\\_050.htm](http://www.ceequal.co.uk/awards_050.htm)

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## **Notes**

1. CEEQUAL was originally developed by a team led by the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) and part-funded by the ICE Research and Development Enabling Fund and the UK Government.
2. Since the Scheme's launch in late 2003, more than 80 final and more than 40 interim CEEQUAL Awards have been made to a very wide range of civil engineering and public realm projects. Almost all projects that have received an Award are listed on the CEEQUAL website.
3. CEEQUAL measures how far beyond minimum legal compliance towards pinnacle best practice the project or contract team has performed. There are four grades to the Awards: Pass, Good, Very Good and Excellent.
4. The Scheme is run through CEEQUAL Ltd, owned by a group of organisations that were actively involved in the development of the Scheme, including the ICE, the Association for Consultancy and Engineering, the Civil Engineering Contractors' Association and the Chartered Institution of Water and Environment Management.

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