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"I now feel able to challenge consultant architects over design issues."

"I found the course very helpful and would recommend that all development professionals attend something similar."



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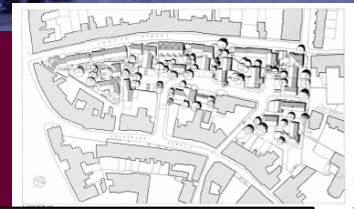
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Kent Architecture Centre, in collaboration with Swan Housing Group, has devised a useful, practical and up-to-date training course, which is designed to provide an introduction to Urban Design for staff within the housing and local authority sectors, and give skills and confidence to those who deal with architects and designers in the course of their work.

The course consists of six 2½ hour sessions, which can be delivered at your offices at a time to suit your staff, can make reference to projects from within your organisation's portfolio, and can include an optional study trip to look at examples of best practice. The course is assessed through a series of tasks, and is equivalent to 6 credits at level 3.

The course covers:

- Understanding physical built form, and its impact on such characteristics as permeability, diversity, legibility, adaptability, personalisation etc
- Key ideas associated with 'place-making'
- Designing in context- responding to the site
- Site Analysis- tools and techniques
- What should be in an effective Development Brief



Every day countless decisions are made that have the potential to make a piece of a city, town or village a little more lively, welcoming and pleasant, or a little more hostile, unpleasant or unsafe; or to enhance or erode its character.

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