

Unresolved Issues – What are the priorities?

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Evidence-based design Symposium

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Group discussion 2

**Unresolved issues - what
are the priorities?**

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Group discussion 2

Individual responses

**Please identify what you see as
the three most important
unresolved issues about
evidence-based design**

15 minutes

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Group discussion 1

Individual responses

Please fill in your individual form

...

**and, on the back, identify the kind
of organisation you work in**

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Group discussion 1

Group responses

**Please *jointly* identify (at least)
three shared issues ...
and fill in your group form**

30minutes

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What do we want from evidence-based design?

Discussion 1: Group responses

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We want evidence-based design to be ...

- ❑ responsive to a well researched brief, through key stakeholder consultation/participation, published objectives for the design process, and that is measurable
- ❑ value (focused), (based on) available information, demonstrating causality > interpretation and application > improvement
- ❑ a more interpretive, post-applied tool that explains the visual and physical outcome with a range of tangible measures. It should address the problem of determinism
- ❑ based on the realities of expectations and situation and the market context
- ❑ R&D, good quality and legislative evidence, market research on requirements
- ❑ provide a clear definition with a shared understanding for designers and decision-makers
- ❑ knowing what works, a tool for making communal decisions, accurate predictions, consensual output, creating community-based aspirations
- ❑ the design of the built environment to suit the needs to the occupiers, owners and operators
- ❑ existing knowledge > briefing the project team > post-construction evidence - applied to the design process by all
- ❑ robust, (with) clear guidelines, integrated into context, accessible, made mandatory, based on sound research and appropriately funded
- ❑ guidance for client groups on existing and planned spaces - we don't want pseudo-intellectual bullshit

Evidence-based design

We want evidence-based design to applied to ...

- everything, bearing in mind that people are conservative, and not sure what they want
- all the built environment, all aspects (especially) design
- every type of project
- all the way through from strategy to execution
- a comprehensive application to the wider built environment - public realms, schools, health, community and neighbourhoods
- built environment and the buildings within it -WLCs and future regulations
- proving that good innovative design doesn't cost more - (with a) real commitment to WLC and connecting CAPEX and OPEX
- communal scale > built environment, social > behavioural - high government level
- all projects that have an impact on how we live, especially schools, housing, health and the public realm

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We want evidence-based design to impact on ...

- how we live, work, travel and enjoy life
- the development and use of buildings; research > sharing > transforming theory into reality; policy
- better decision and better briefing
- the quality of our surroundings - particularly public buildings
- the quality of people's lives - school/education, health/wellbeing, sense of belonging
- policy
- contracts and funding mechanisms
- public policy outcomes; the design professions
- what actually happens in the building: working, learning, healing, living.

Plenary Session

Richard Saxon
Chair



Concluding Remarks

Sunand Prasad
President Elect RIBA

