

Judges' Citation RTPI South East Awards for Planning Excellence 2019

Category : Excellence in Heritage and Culture

Winner: [Canterbury City Council](#)

A Heritage Strategy for Canterbury District

Canterbury's Heritage Strategy aims to deliver a heritage resource that is internationally recognised, accessible to everyone, and celebrated for its outstanding significance whilst delivering long-term economic, social and environmental benefits.



The strategy is complemented by annual Action Plans which identify mechanisms for delivering the strategy and is already inspiring investment and engagement across local communities. This is a dynamic method that ensures the Strategy remains up to date and relevant year on year.

The awards submission demonstrated how the Council seeks to identify and increase the tangible benefits that heritage brings to the wellbeing of residents, visitors and businesses and the judges were impressed at how the Council's work champions heritage in every aspect of its services.

The Strategy was developed in close consultation with residents and provides a shared framework for securing a positive future for local heritage. Officers are also well trained and aware of the benefits.

The judges are proud to award **The Heritage Strategy for Canterbury District** an RTPI SE Award for Planning Excellence in Heritage and Culture.