

## Judges' Citation RTPI South East Awards for Planning Excellence 2018

### Category: Excellence in Planning for Heritage and Culture

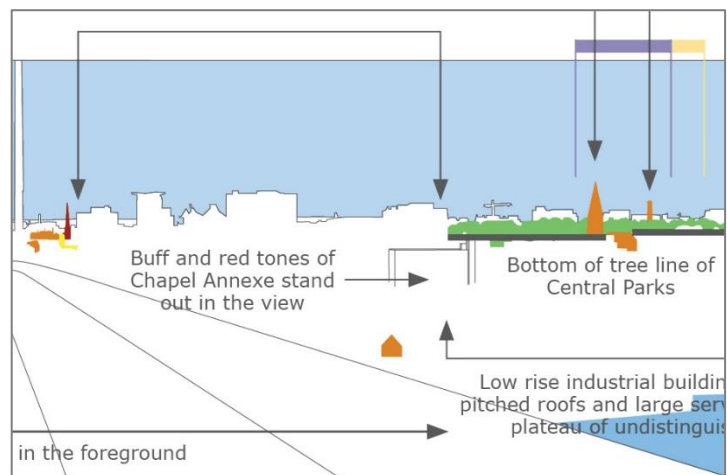
#### Commendation: Southampton Tall Buildings Study

**Boyle+Summers; Forum Heritage Services;  
Historic England; Southampton City Council**

This study was prepared for Southampton City Council in the context of ongoing pressure for growth in the City alongside its rich heritage spanning Neolithic, Roman, Saxon and Medieval times.

The compact and constrained form of the city, together with ambitious

plans for more jobs and homes means increasing pressure to build upwards. This has been compounded by a greater appetite from developers for large buildings in the city centre.



The study was first commissioned as evidence to inform the Local Plan but evolved to become a valuable reference document to encourage good planning in the city in its own right.

The project team was led by professional planners along with consultees from across the City Council and Historic England. The Study employs simple target-charts to identify the significance of heritage assets and presents its findings using a combination of photographs, maps and diagrams in a clear and concise way. The team believe this model could be replicated by other local planning authorities that are balancing heritage protection with economic growth.

The judges were impressed by:

- the extent and quality of the evidence collected;
- the clarity of presentation for public use;
- the Council's positive attitude to balancing growth and heritage protection; and
- the format that could be replicated elsewhere as best practice.