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Welcome to the fourth edition of eX, the South East Excellence e-newsletter, which is aimed especially at developers, designers and housing associations. It brings you up-to-the-minute news, views, events and activity on creating excellence in the region's urban environment.

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ANY QUESTIONS?

South East Excellence is running a series of consultation events to bring together local authority leaders and senior managers in the construction industry as part of its strategy to promote shared ambition for excellence in the built environment. Space at these events will be limited, but we are keen to hear from anyone involved in the built environment to raise key issues for debate. So if you'd like to ask a question to either party, [please submit it to us](#), along with your name and position, and we'll make sure it's raised and that you receive a report on the outcome.

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THE NEWS...

WILL THE SOUTH EAST LOSE OUT?



If you work in the built environment, you'd have to be very ostrich like, if you were not trying to work out the impact of the current economic turbulence.

Could the South East lose its position as the most economically successful region outside London? Could this affect its housing and infrastructure ambitions? eX asked the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) South East for their assessment.

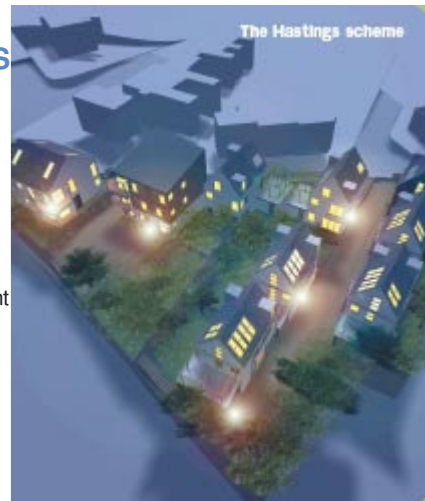
"Britain faces two years of economic pain and could sink into recession, the Governor of the Bank of England has said in a stark warning to the nation." So screamed the front page of The Times, Thursday May 15. With falling house prices and more and more "For Sale" signs cropping up across the region as people lose their jobs or cannot keep up their mortgage payments, is everything really all doom and gloom, or just another false jitter which can be ignored? [Read more here.](#)

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HASTINGS DESIGN FOR MANUFACTURE HOUSES ARE GO

A development of nine houses and six flats, some of which cost around £60,000 to build and are designed to epitomise affordable sustainability, started on site in Hastings in April. The scheme is one of the winning projects in the Government-sponsored Designed for Manufacture competition, run in association with English Partnerships. The development for Southern Housing Group which is led by construction company William Verry (Europe) Limited and German pre-fabricated house manufacturer WeberHaus, is set to be a major milestone in the use of advanced construction techniques in the UK, providing eco-friendly homes. The construction will also be assessed as part of a report on how much time and materials are wasted on site. [Read more here.](#)

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Tod Wakefield, Matt Swanton, David Ashe and Paul Grover with a 3D map of Southampton

SOUTHAMPTON: PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

The Solent Centre for Architecture + Design (SCA+D) has launched its City Vision for Southampton exhibition at the City Art Gallery in the Civic Centre on 21st May. The exhibition which outlines the vision, as well as showing current developments in Greater Southampton and images of the city's top 10 historic buildings, will be based on the ground floor of the art gallery for the next two years. [Read more here.](#)

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MAKEOVER FOR DOVER

For generations, Dover has been known mostly for its white cliffs and its routes to France, but this is set to change with multi-million pound proposals for heritage-related regeneration in the area. The town has been chosen as one of three to receive up to £4 million for cultural and heritage projects as part of Sea Change, a new funding programme from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, administered by Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE), which is designed to support cultural regeneration in seaside resorts. Dover District Council, alongside Kent County Council, the Dover Pride Partnership, English Heritage and the South East England Development Agency, are to develop the proposals which will focus on cultural sites and the need to improve transport links and access in the town. Oona Muirhead, SEEDA's Executive Director for Sustainable Prosperity, said: "The Sea Change funds are vital in achieving the town's potential as an attractive tourist and leisure destination. But just as important is improving the quality of life for residents. With this funding, we aim to achieve both in the near future."



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SUSTAINABLE SOUTH EAST WINS AWARDS



The South East pulled off quite a performance at the 2008 Queen's Awards, announced on 21st April, the Queen's birthday. Three awards for sustainable development went to South East organisations. Berkeley Group Holdings in Cobham, Surrey won their award for their continuous achievement in delivering substantial improvements in business performance through sustainable initiatives. Crawley-based Utilicom Group, in West Sussex, who deliver energy for the district through Combined Heat and Power systems, was the second winner; while The Greenham Common Trust has been recognised for a second time for its work regenerating the former RAF Greenham Common airbase in Newbury as a sustainable business park. Find out more about the 2008 winners. [Read more here.](#)

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BEATING THE BROWNFIELD SKILLS DEFICIT

With 60 per cent of the planned three million new homes to be built by 2020 set for brownfield sites, the Academy for Sustainable Communities (ASC) has highlighted a major shortfall in the specialist skills required to achieve this target and is consulting on a strategy to tackle the deficit. [Read more here.](#)

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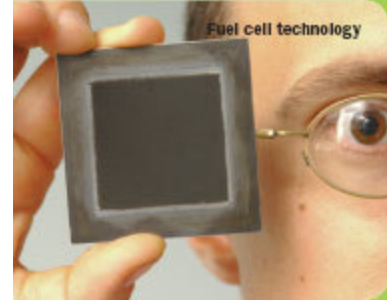
Crest Nicholson will be the development partner with English Partnerships in the redevelopment of the old Steyning hospital workhouse site in Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex. [Read more here.](#)

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SUSTAINABILITY IN A FUEL CELL

West Sussex based Ceres Power is a South East business making sustainability achievable through innovation. The Ceres compact, wallmountable micro generator can produce electricity, heating and hot water potentially reducing a home's carbon footprint by up to 50 per cent and cut overall energy costs by around 25 per cent for the average UK house. [Read more here.](#)

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PLANNING PROBITY PROBED

South East Excellence and the Planning Officers Society will be running a series of workshops across the region in June and July on best practice in the engagement of councillors and developers over planning applications.

Councillors are facing increasingly tough standards of governance relating to their consideration of planning applications, in particular how they can interface with developers. On the one hand, councils are required to ensure complete propriety in determining applications, while on the other there is a determination to improve developer engagement with the community which councillors represent. One of the main causes of difficulty is the huge variance in rules applied by councils and the workshops will look to examine best practice.

Full details will be available soon on the South East Excellence website, so watch this space.

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DON'T WASTE EXCELLENCE

The Government's drive to build three million homes by 2020, with attendant infrastructure, presents many challenges; none more so than managing construction waste. What is being done to reduce it? [Read more here.](#)

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ZERO IMPACT GATEWAY

As part of the Thames Gateway delivery plan, SEEDA is developing a Science and Innovation sustainability campus at Kent Thameside, which will provide research and development together with real demonstration and monitoring which will create a 'living laboratory'.

In November 2007, the Prime Minister announced that the Thames Gateway would become the world's first eco-region, and the campus would form part of the network, with Dagenham Dock, which would help create the business opportunities to make a step change in reducing the Gateway's carbon footprint.

The focus of the Kent Thameside campus would be to provide integrated resource management for low impact buildings and communities. Project Director, Ed Metcalfe, says: "The research will focus on the way we put complementary technologies together to have a real effect, through a new, business-led model. Many businesses and universities could work together to create new solutions to the challenge of reducing our carbon footprint. We will also be investigating retrofitting communities as well as new build." The Minister for Innovation, Ian Pearson MP, will visit the institute, on 25th June as part of a roadshow launching the Innovation Nation White Paper.

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EVENTS...

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Event: CIC Professional Development Programme -
Health & Safety in design

When: 18 June 2008

Where: London

Contact: aberry@cic.org.uk

[Find out more here](#)

Event: Eco Open House weekend

When: 28/29 June &

5/6 July 2008

Where: Brighton & Hove

Contact: www.ecoopenhouses.org

[Find out more here](#)

Event: Acting together to meet the Climate Change

When: 26 June 2008

Where: Woking

Contact: 01483 470178

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Event: The Oxford Conference 2008

When: 22 July 2008

Where: Oxford

Contact: gill@oxfordconference2008.co.uk

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