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Quality is .... more than building

Building Better Buildings
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HCA purpose and vision

Throughout a period of change, the HCA’s core purpose and vision remains ….

To help create successful places with homes and jobs

- Working with people and places to help deliver homes, economic growth and jobs
- Delivering programmes of investment and market interventions, making significant contribution to overall supply of homes
- Making best use of public land and developing economic assets
- Undertaking effective and proportionate regulation of social housing providers
HCA Design & Sustainability Role

HCA statutory duty from Housing and Regeneration Act 2008

Design objectives

- Working with government
- Making the case for good design
- Embed design-led thinking in the work culture of HCA staff and partners
- Monitor, evaluate and enforce: Compliance / Quality Audits
Sharing Knowledge and Leading Research

- Annual report *Quality Counts*
- Evidence based, resident satisfaction
- Outcomes support future policy work and business planning
- 14-15 Report published
Priorities for action

- Overheating and Indoor Air Quality
- Outdoor space
- Noise transfer

- Tenure integration
- Three years on
- Action research on
  - Energy performance gap
  - overheating & ventilation
This year

Residents like
- space and storage
- private outdoor space
- layout of the home

They would like to improve
- private outdoor space
- kitchen
- space and storage
Outdoor space on new developments

A Waste of Space?

Supporting health and happiness through the design of external space on housing developments

- **Noel Farrer** – President, Landscape Institute
- **Prof. Matthew Carmona** – Professor of Planning and Urban Design
- **Bob Allies** – Founding Partner, Allies and Morrison
- **David Rudlin** – Director, URBED
- **Glyn Tully** – Head of Landscape & Urban Design, Levitt Bernstein
- **Dinah Bornat** – University of East London
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_Housing design and community life_: research project

- How people use shared space in housing schemes
- Jan Gehl type observational studies – Necessary: passing through
  Optional: hanging out, domestic
  Social: chatting, observing, play
5 LIME TREE SQUARE, SOMERSET

Tuesday 11th August 2015

Wednesday 12th August 2015
Tenure Integration in housing developments

Key findings:

- Integration does not reduce values in high quality developments;
- Separation fosters ‘negative feelings & division’
- Range of house types and sizes help stabilise neighbourhoods
- High levels of PRS can damage cohesion

Keeping in touch

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