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RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence 2018

On farm classroom at Frogmary Green Farm in South Petherton is nominated for prestigious planning industry award

An innovative farm classroom, the S.H.E.D (Schools' Health and Educational Den) at Frogmary Green Farm in South Petherton is a finalist in the category for Excellence in Planning for Health and Wellbeing at the Royal Town Planning Institute's (RTPI) [Awards for Planning Excellence 2018](#). The RTPI Awards are the most established and respected awards in the UK planning industry. Running for over 40 years, they celebrate exceptional examples of planning and the contribution planners make to society.

An award winning arable and poultry farm at South Petherton in South Somerset run by Nick and Claire Bragg has brought the classroom to the countryside in conjunction with Somerset Public Health giving children a hands-on 'Field to Fork' experience of the links between food production, cooking and healthy eating and how farming cares for the environment.

David Glasson MRTPI, Director of Bristol based planning consultancy David Glasson Planning said:

"We are delighted to have helped steer this fantastic learning space to fruition and that it has been recognised as a finalist in the RTPI Awards. Weaving food education into school life in a farm setting combines fun and knowledge as well as helping tackle the ongoing challenge of reducing childhood obesity".

John Acres MRTPI, President of the Royal Town Planning Institute said:

"This year's finalists reflect the important contribution planners and planning makes to creating great places and tackling the challenges we face across the UK. Planners are taking on new and innovative projects and the finalists show they are succeeding. It's a huge achievement just to be shortlisted this year given the 6% rise in entries to the awards and the high calibre of entries will make judging very difficult."

The winners will be announced during a ceremony held at Milton Court at The Barbican, London on 24 May 2018.

Andrew Jones MRTPI, Practice Leader Design Planning + Economics, AECOM said:

"AECOM is proud to once again be a headline sponsor of this year's RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence. The finalists are a diverse mixture of outstanding examples of planning, which demonstrate the breadth of the impact the profession has on quality place making and delivery in the built environment."

David Jackson MRTPI, Head of Planning, Savills said:

"Savills is delighted to be a headline sponsor of the RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence. The finalists reflect the positive impact planning has on our communities and wider society across the UK, Ireland and internationally through exemplary projects, plans and people."

Tickets to the ceremony are on sale.

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highest professional qualification sought after by employers. It supports its members – over 25,000 worldwide - throughout their careers.

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Notes

Field to Fork

The SHED at Frogmary Green Farm provides a fantastic resource for Somerset schools to develop learning and understanding about health and wellbeing. The space provides a base for school visits, health-based professional development for teachers and an emerging programme of outdoor learning for targeted groups of young people and adults.

The building and its farm-based location are helping to enrich the lives and wellbeing of children and young people in Somerset.

About David Glasson Planning

David Glasson Planning Limited is a chartered town planning and development consultancy based in Westbury-on-Trym in Bristol. Set up in 2007 by husband and wife team, David and Nicola Glasson, the practice provides professional planning advice on rural and urban development projects throughout England and Wales.

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