

How would your project measure up to the design quality indicator?

Everyone involved in a building project wants to achieve a better building. But design quality can mean different things to developers, contractors, architects, users, planning officials and owners. Negotiating design priorities is an important part of the process of creating a better building.

The DQI is a new web-based assessment tool for use by all stakeholders in a building project. It's an easy to use evaluation system designed to bring clarity and focus to the goal of benchmarking the design of buildings at key stages in the process.

"The DQI helps the assessment of design in a constructive way, acknowledging that there are qualitative aspects capable of objective evaluation."

Paul Finch, Deputy Chairman, CABE

"The DQI is a welcome innovation as it takes the guess work out of the whole design process. It focuses the team on the needs of the end user, involves all the stakeholders throughout the process and helps develop a more sustainable building. The overall result is an improved product and importantly we can learn from the process because the DQI allows us to measure how the improvements are made."

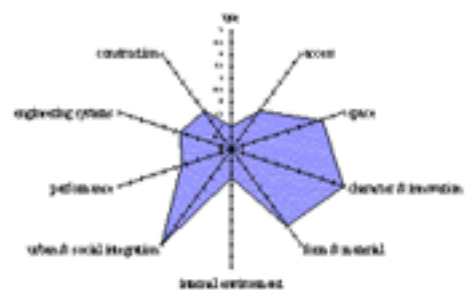
Peter Rogers, Chairman, Strategic Forum for Construction

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The industry standard for benchmarking design



"IT'S GOT CURB APPEAL!"



Why should you use the design quality indicator?

The DQI is the industry standard assessment tool for benchmarking design quality. Available as a web-based tool, it enables building owners and planning officials to define and evaluate design quality at all key stages in the development process.

The DQI has already been completed by more than 2,000 people on over 380 projects.

'We have found the DQI very useful for enabling discussions about design issues on major projects, with key clients – they provide a clear framework that the whole team can engage with. We have also used it to test our own offices with our staff and neighbours as a Post Occupancy Evaluation.

Bennetts Associates Architects

'We find there is considerable value to be gained from the DQI process. It provides the structure for a wide ranging debate amongst stakeholders on a project and ensures all views and ideas are considered. Undertaking the DQI highlighted aspects that might previously have been overlooked

Stanhope plc

'We are excited by the transparency that the DQI gives to design, enabling us to improve the value for money solutions that we deliver to clients

Turner and Townsend Group

The DQI delivers tangible economic value to key stakeholders.

Benefits to development teams:

- Minimizes change orders
- Quantifies design intangibles
- Accelerates planning approval
- Improves communication

Benefits to building owners:

- Reduces operating costs
- Decreases capital expenditures
- Lowers security expenses
- Decreases energy costs
- Increases asset value
- Reduces occupant and user complaints

Benefits to building occupants and users:

- Improves functional efficiency
- Increases worker productivity
- Enhances spatial quality
- Enhances quality of work life
- Improves sound, air, light, temperature quality

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