Wigan Council have launched a new initiative to promote and encourage good design across the borough, and to recognise schemes which build in quality into their constructional design.

All the schemes within this leaflet are receiving Built in Quality awards and are being celebrated at a special awards ceremony at the Wigan Investment Centre on Monday 3rd October 2005.

Modus Properties, who are developing the Wigan Town Centre Grand Arcade scheme, have kindly agreed to sponsor the awards.
The Local Authority Building Control Built in Quality award is the only award of its type that covers all forms of building construction. Assessment is based on objective criteria. Those who are successful will have distinguished themselves as outstanding achievers in building construction in Wigan.

Wigan’s Built in Quality Award is based on a national award scheme organised by LABC the national organisation which represents all 376 Local authorities in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

**Award Winners** receive recognition for their excellent construction techniques and customer satisfaction. They are entitled to use the prestigious Built in Quality Award logo on their stationary.

**Entry** is open to any building project large or small, which has used Wigan’s Building Control Service. Last year over 1300 new Building Regulations projects commenced in Wigan.

**Nominations** are made by our Building Control Surveyors throughout the year. Last year our surveyors made over 9000 site visits.

**Judging criteria** includes:
- Compliance with Building Regulations
- Supply of information
- Speed of fault rectification
- Storage of materials
- Site safety
- Consistency of construction
- Accessability

**Categories** of award include:
- Small domestic
- Housing
- Commercial

Winners of Wigan’s Built in Quality awards will go forward for entry to the national award scheme, which is held annually in London.
This mid terrace house has been extensively refurbished on all levels. Work carried out included the construction of a bedroom in the roof space, and a new bathroom and en-suite shower room at first floor. Remodelling of the kitchen and dining area at ground floor and improvements to the rear yard completed the total renovation of the property.

The work has been carried out to a very high standard

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A detached house to which has been added a single story kitchen extension and a first floor bedroom and en-suite.

Part of the existing foundations had to be underpinned before new work could commence. The contractor took particular care in selecting materials used and achieved a splendid extension.

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This is a development of detached and semi detached houses at Atherton. The work was consistently of a good standard and any problems encountered were dealt with quickly. Site work was always ready for inspection when our surveyors visited.

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This project was part of a LABC partnership scheme. Plans of the building were checked by Manchester City Council. Construction work was inspected by Wigan Council’s Building Control team.

The project ran very smoothly on site and the contractors anticipated potential pitfalls early.

Contractor

Laing O’Rourke Construction

This was a complex building combining a number of health care units. This was one of the first Local Improvement Finance Trust (LIFT) developments constructed in the country. The site management was excellent throughout. When inspections were requested the work was always ready and of the highest quality.

Contractor

Eric Wright Construction

The Built in Quality Award scheme operated by Wigan Council demonstrates the Council’s recognition of high standards of building work across the borough. The awards are made to building projects ranging from small domestic works to major commercial developments, which achieve high standards of construction, workmanship and customer satisfaction.

Over 1300 Building Regulation schemes commenced with Wigan during the last year. From these we have selected five schemes which demonstrate excellence in construction and customer satisfaction.

The Built in Quality Award is a prestigious award for excellence.

It is designed to reward those builders who are committed to meeting Building standards.

The award aims to put customer satisfaction high on the agenda and applies to all projects where Wigan Council provided the Building Control Service.

The winners of Wigan's built in Quality Awards will be entered into next year’s National Built in Quality Award scheme.