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Richard Cass and Elizabeth Peace are appointed as commissioners to Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE)

Barbara Follett, Minister for Culture, Creative Industries and Tourism, announced today that Richard Cass and Elizabeth Peace have been appointed as Commissioners to CABE. The four year appointments will run from 15 December 2008.

Biographical notes

Richard Cass

Richard Cass has over 30 years' experience, working mainly as a consultant. Much of this work has been in a multi-disciplinary context, including the management and delivery of complex, large-scale projects. He has extensive experience as an architect, landscape architect, master planner and urban designer and a thorough working knowledge of the planning system. He has worked extensively in strategic environmental planning, urban parks, urban design, community forests, historic landscapes and ecologically sensitive areas. He also has specialist experience of urban regeneration and brownfield land issues, including project management and procurement methods. He also takes a keen interest in design of landscape and architecture and has been a keen exponent of applying the principles of development to the design and planning fields throughout his career. He has worked throughout the UK and extensively abroad. He is a regular speaker at conferences, and has received many awards for his work. He is an adviser to both CABE and CABE Space. He founded Cass Associates in 1983.

Elizabeth Peace CBE

Peace is Chief Executive Officer, The British Property Federation (BPF). The BPF is a trade association with over 400 corporate members owning assets worth over £200 billion that represent the interests of the commercial property industry in the UK. At the BPF, Liz overhauled their strategy to produce a re-focussed corporate plan aimed at raising the profile of the property industry in the UK amongst politicians and other key stakeholders, she established strong links with the Treasury, Communities and Local Government and HMRC. Liz is a Non Executive Director of the Planning Inspectorate and a member of the Audit Committee. Prior to her appointment as Chief Executive of the BPF Liz was Company Secretary and director of Corporate Affairs for QinetiQ Group plc (1990 – 02), Assistant Director in Ministry of Defence Management Services (1985 -90) and Assistant Director in MOD Army Secretariat (1984). Liz has a number of other appointments including: member of Peabody Housing Trust, Trustee of property charity LandAid and non Executive Director of Turley Associates. Liz was made a Commander of the British Empire in the New Year Honours 2008.

Background

CABE is the government's advisor on architecture, urban design and public space. It was created in 1999 as the champion for design quality in buildings, spaces and places across England. It promotes the best in architecture and urban design by



promoting high standards in the design of buildings and spaces, advising all those who create, manage and utilise the built environment, and stimulating public debate. CABE is sponsored by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), with additional funding from Communities and Local Government (CLG).

Remuneration for these Commissioner posts is c. £5,600 a year.

These appointments have been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the appointments process. Neither candidate has undertaken any significant politically activity during the last 5 years.