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## Ten projects short listed for inaugural Prime Minister's Better Public Building Award

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Ten building projects, including a park, two libraries, a pedestrian bridge and a road have been short-listed for the first ever Prime Minister's Better Public Building Award.

The Award will recognise excellence in the design and construction of publicly funded schemes, be they small community buildings, transport projects or major civic spaces.

The Prime Minister Tony Blair said today:

'I am delighted there have been so many high quality entries for the inaugural Prime Minister's Award for Better Public Building. I am especially pleased that projects of all sizes and types are represented, from civil engineering schemes to major new public buildings, from hospitals and schools to libraries.'

The short list is:

- Plashet School Footbridge, London E6
- March Library, Cambridgeshire
- Peckham Library, London SE15
- A253 Ramsgate Harbour Approach Road
- Mile End Park, London E14
- Queen Elizabeth II Great Court, British Museum, London W1

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- Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle
- Joint Services Command & Staff College, Watchfield, Swindon
- Almond Valley, Seafeld and Esk Project, Edinburgh
- Tate Modern, London SE1

The Award has been sponsored by the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) and the Office for Government Commerce (OGC). It is part of the British Construction Industry Awards and will be presented at a ceremony in London on 24 October.

Sir Stuart Lipton, Chairman of CABE and Chairman of the Judges of the British Construction Industry Awards, commented:

‘The Prime Minister has put excellence in design and construction at the heart of this new Award. He has made it clear that high quality public building is about value for money throughout the life-time of the project and excellence in design, and not about choosing the lowest cost option at the outset. The Judges will be visiting the nine short-listed projects which, despite their differences in scale and purpose, all clearly demonstrate the aspirations set out by the Prime Minister in *Better Public Buildings* – namely that high quality design improves quality of life, is good for business and good for the environment.’

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## Notes for Editors

- The Judges are:

Sir Stuart Lipton (Chairman), Chairman of CABE and Chief Executive of Stanhope plc

Joe Dwyer (Vice Chairman), President, Institute of Civil Engineers

Peter Andrews, Managing Director, Jackson Civil Engineering

Paul Finch, Deputy Chairman of CABE and Publishing Director of *The Architects' Journal*

Peter Head, Chief Executive, Maunsell Ltd

Tim Llewellyn, Joint Managing Director, Llewellyn Group

Sunand Prasad, CABE Commissioner and architect, Penoyre & Prasad

Jane Priestman, OBE, Design Management Consultant, representing *The Daily Telegraph*

Mike Winney, Editor Emeritus, New Civil Engineer