



## Best Practice Award: Non—statutory Planning

### Recipients: Selwyn District Council and Context Urban Design For: Commercial Design Guide

Selwyn District Council's Commercial Design Guide demonstrates how commercial development can be carried out in a way that enhances its surroundings and creates attractive spaces and linkages by using different real world examples for varying sized developments that apply the same principles but on different scales; to demonstrate that the principles are workable for all development types.

The guide defines key principles of what makes for attractive space for people, suggests ways that these can be achieved and applies them to different types and scales of development from small shops to large retail parks. The practical examples within the guide are designed to work around the particular constraints that different developers may have and provide practical ways of achieving high quality environments.

The Awards Panel noted that there is very little similar guidance in New Zealand, particularly for small towns and suburbs and this is somewhat of a groundbreaking document. The Panel saw the guide as an important tool for informing discussions with developers and landowners and lifting standards to create more attractive and integrated town centres.



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