



Place-led design and public realm

Shaping places for everyone

LUC is a leading consultancy dedicated to transforming settlements and landscapes through place-led design and inclusive public realm strategies.

We work with the assets and strengths of places and their communities to make places responsive to current change and resilient to future needs.



Our expertise in placemaking and place-shaping

LUC offers a comprehensive range of services to create thriving, active and inclusive places, combining placemaking, landscape architecture, urban design, and community engagement.

Placemaking and place-shaping

LUC specialises in making and shaping environments so they are welcoming, engaging, and responsive to the diverse needs of each community.

Masterplanning

We create detailed plans for urban areas, integrating place-led principles that build a sense of community. For example, our masterplan for Edinburgh BioQuarter harmonises health innovation with natural settings, creating a people-centred, sustainable environment.

Urban design

Our designs create inclusive, lively towns and cities that foster a sense of community and promote sustainable growth.



Horley High Street

Town centre regeneration

We tackle every town centre regeneration project uniquely, understanding the distinctive heritage, assets and potential of each place. Our work has helped transform Hereford city centre, Hamilton Square in Birkenhead, and Northgate in Darlington, contributing to vibrant, resilient communities.

Landscape architecture

Our award-winning landscape architects design innovative and people-centred spaces that enhance quality of life.

Our work



Black Rock Brighton

projects

Placemaking and place-shaping

Our team develops place-led strategies to revitalise areas and deepen the community's sense of belonging.

Our Darlington Northgate project, for example, highlights our capacity to create comprehensive strategies that outline opportunities, benefits, and delivery frameworks for impactful urban transformation.

Public realm design

We believe that a well-designed, well-connected public realm can be transformative, providing spaces where communities, interact and enjoy shared experiences.

Our public realm work includes projects like the Roscommon Public Realm Enhancements, where we crafted functional, attractive spaces with high social value.

See our

Our work



Lake District National Park Design Code



Inverness Streetscape

Design Codes

Our design codes integrate biodiversity net gain, climate resilience, and local character into all aspects of development. These codes create unified frameworks for sustainable and visually cohesive spaces.

Our design codes include the Lake District National Park and Westmorland and Furness.

Development and infrastructure frameworks

Development and infrastructure frameworks guide growth and ensure sustainability by addressing both urban planning and essential infrastructure needs, such as transport and utilities.

Our work on the Hagshaw Energy Cluster
Development Framework supports a low-carbon
energy transition, aligning development with
environmental goals.

See our

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Our work



Athenry Public Realm Enhancements

Consultation and engagement

We believe in the importance of community involvement and engagement.

We provide community consultation, stakeholder engagement, and online consultation hubs to ensure that projects are responsive to local needs and aspirations.



Consultation for Cei Llechi Caernarfon Green Space



Our approach

LUC's approach to placemaking and regeneration is rooted in collaboration, innovation, and sustainability.







Holistic and integrated

We take a comprehensive approach, integrating health innovation, active travel, nature, and community input to create sustainable solutions that benefit everyone.

Evidence-based design

Our decisions rely on robust analysis, ensuring that solutions are practical, effective, and lasting. We use GIS and visualisation tools to assess data and clearly communicate findings.

Inclusive and equitable

Inclusive processes ensure that diverse voices shape each project, creating spaces where everyone feels welcome and valued.

Our experts

LUC has a multidisciplinary team with a deep understanding of place-led placemaking and public realm design.



Landscape architects and urban designers

Our designers create innovative, people-focused spaces that enrich communities and foster inclusivity.

Historic environment specialists

Our specialists understand the heritage and significance of a place, finding ways to enhance or reveal its unique character.

Design code experts

We craft development frameworks rooted in local context, addressing challenges such as climate resilience and biodiversity net gain. Our designs ensure that new developments align with community needs while promoting sustainability.

Planning and regeneration experts

Our planners develop frameworks tailored to local policy and community needs, integrating environmental goals for sustainable growth

GIS and visualisation consultants

Our experts provide data-driven insights and create compelling visuals to inform design decisions and engage stakeholders.



Our wider impact

LUC's work contributes to a sustainable future by fostering thriving, inclusive communities and preserving heritage.

Thriving communities

Our designs create places for people to connect, socialise, and enjoy nature together.

Enhanced biodiversity

We champion nature-based solutions and sustainable practices that support biodiversity and ecological resilience.

Climate resilience

Our designs incorporate climate-resilient features to mitigate the impacts of climate change and create adaptable spaces.

Economic development

LUC's projects stimulate job creation, attract investment, and support local economies, ensuring lasting positive impact.

Social inclusion

Our inclusive approach ensures all community members feel valued, promoting equality and reducing social divides.

New life for old places

We celebrate and incorporate the historic environment in our strategies, plans and designs, creating spaces that connect people.





Our clients

LUC works with a diverse range of clients, including local authorities, government agencies, developers, and landowners.

We build strong partnerships based on trust, expertise, and a shared commitment to creating a better future.





DESIGNENGINE







Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru **Natural Resources** Wales









South Tyneside Council









"We are thrilled to see the Tubbercurry Public Realm Project receive planning permission. This is a testament to the power of community engagement, the commitment and dedication of the Tubbercurry Town Team, and LUC's collaborative approach."

Sligo County Council

"I feel incredibly well-supported by LUC. They are a very safe pair of hands, providing good guidance and quality work."

> Walters & Cohen **Architects**

"What a fantastic job you did with the landscape [at West Downs campus]. It's just beautiful, even on a miserable January morning! Can't wait to see it in spring. I've never received so many compliments from the staff and students. It's already very well-loved."

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