**THE NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING ASSOCIATION AWARD 2021**

**SUBMISSION GUIDANCE**

*Welcome to the second annual NIPA Award – this document provides guidance on the Award submission document, the Award process and how Award case studies and photographs will be used after the Awards.*

*Please read this carefully before entering a submission for the 2021 Award.*

**Award submission**

As part of NIPA’s continued drive to identify and showcase best practice, NIPA is repeating its success of 2019 and launching a single 2021 Award for what is judged to be ‘Best Project’. Submissions could include best practice examples of **early, meaningful and ongoing engagement and consultation with host communities and key stakeholders, including but not necessarily limited to the challenges faced by the restrictions arising from the Covid-19 pandemic; using flexibility within a DCO; innovative and / or sensitive design; investment in the host community; and other aspects of best practice associated with the NSIP and DCO concerned.**

Submissions can come from anyone who is a member of NIPA.

Please note that:

* Any submission must apply only to those projects that completed their journey through the DCO process, i.e. were granted their DCO, **between 1st October 2019 and 30th September 2021 (inclusive).**
* If a DCO made within that timeframe was subsequently quashed, it is still eligible for submission and irrespective of whether the DCO has been made again on a subsequent re-determination by the relevant Secretary of State.
* You can submit more than one entry for the Award, provided that it covers a different project consented within the above period.
* In making an Award submission, you are agreeing that your submission(s), and / or part thereof, including hi-res photographs and other images, can be published by NIPA, shown at NIPA or other national infrastructure events and /or turned into a case study. Any case study may, in turn, be published online, used in NIPA reports, be promoted and circulated at NIPA and other national infrastructure events and during NIPA meetings with stakeholders.
* NIPA will take the details provided in submissions at face value. Please ensure that all submissions are accurate and please credit all of the entities involved.
* If you make a submission to the NIPA Award you must ensure that you have authority from all relevant parties involved in your project, prior to submitting it to us.

We advise that submissions must:

* Be written in an appropriate and suitable manner so they can easily be adapted to become case studies (on no more than 3 pages of A4 in addition to the completed form (although appendices with more detail are encouraged)).
* Clearly demonstrate how the project showcases best practice and the benefits that this has brought to the project; the developer; key stakeholders; and / or host communities.
* Provide logos of all the organisations / authorities involved.
* Provide two or three hi-res photos.
* Provide quotes from key stakeholders with whom you engaged.
* When submitting your submission please name the file as – 2021 NIPA Award.Name of your Organisation.Date (submitted in the format xxxxxx (e.g. 291021)).
* Name all organisations that have been involved.
* Only those submissions made with the completed NIPA Award Submission Form will be accepted.
* Be received at [info@nipa-uk.org](mailto:info@nipa-uk.org) by **5.00pm on Tuesday 2nd November 2021** **as no extensions will be granted.**

**Award process and timetable**

The NIPA Award 2021 will be launched via a communication to Members and on the NIPA Website on **Wednesday 20th October 2021.**

All submissions must be made using the NIPA Award Submission Form by **5.00pm on Tuesday 2nd November 2021.**

All submissions will then be considered by a panel of independent judges chaired by Dr. Janice Morphet, Visiting Professor at the Bartlett School of Planning, UCL. A shortlist will subsequently be published and the winner of the Award announced at the NIPA Annual Dinner on **18th November 2021**.