

Sustainability Autumn Competition



Opening: Friday 16th October 2020
Deadline: Friday 20th November 2020

This Autumn the student Society of Architecture and Interior Design (SAID) at NUA is partnering with the NAA for the RIBA's Sustainability Autumn campaign, to create its latest student-led competition.

Brief:

The Norwich community is strong, resilient and individual in its very nature, but with the outbreak of the coronavirus and its incredible consequences, small businesses have been put under seismic strain – especially the celebrated independent cafes, bars and restaurants that line Norwich's cobbled lanes and high streets.

Many of these businesses are losing footfall due to potential customers being put-off from visiting, eating and drinking in their quaint, small and 'cosy' internal spaces – given the pandemic – with little access to their own dedicated outdoor areas.

Students are tasked with designing external structures to be placed at key sites throughout the city, to be used by these independent businesses, allowing customers a comfortable alternative space to use when visiting. These structures would provide protection from the elements, be comfortable for long periods and should be seen as a celebrated new 'Norwich street feature', speaking of the character of the Fine City.

Specification:

The shelters should be of a sustainable design, considering factors such as the embodied carbon of the structure, its use of land, the future of high street design and the local climate.

They should also be operable under social distancing guidelines and regulations. They should allow for mixed-sized parties, up to a maximum of 6 people sitting together at any one time, with an allowed distance of at least 2 metres between each seating area. Walkways need also to allow for social distancing and wheelchair accessibility. The structures should be well-ventilated, with materials being easily sanitisable.

The shelters should have the ability to be easily secured/sealed or dismantled when not in use.

There are no prescribed limits to the size of the structure(s) – dimensions are dependent on the limitations of the location(s) chosen.

Locations:

The shelters can be designed for any Norwich location, though we recommend designing for one or more of the following hotspots:

- St Andrews Plain
- Bedfords Street
- London Street / Bank Plain
- Pottergate
- Tombland

Submission:

Submissions should consist of a series of drawings and graphical representations of the complete design with context and appropriately scaled technical detailings, with appropriate text and annotations. These should be presented on between 2–4 A3 boards and **submitted digitally to su.said@nua.ac.uk** using an NUA student email address, by midnight on **Friday 20th November 2020**. Submissions can be made by individuals or groups.

All submissions will be reviewed by a special panel of NAA judges, made up of local industry leaders. Select designs will be featured on the NAA's website and social media as part of the national RIBA Sustainability Autumn campaign. The winning design will receive an official 'Sustainability Award' from the NAA, with the potential for a structural appraisal for future realisation.

Applicants must be happy for their work to be published on social media accounts belonging to NUA, NUA SU and the NAA/RIBA, and their respective websites.

For any further information, please email su.said@nua.ac.uk or message us on our social media @arch_intnua (Instagram), @archintnua (Facebook).