

## **Urban Designer – Design and Place**

Grade: Level 3, Zone 2

Salary Range: £36,984 - £42,526

### **About Camden**

Camden is the most diverse and characterful London Borough stretching from Covent Garden to Hampstead Heath and including Bloomsbury, Camden Town, Euston and King's Cross. More than half the Borough is within Conservation Areas but We Make Camden sets an ambitious agenda for growth and expectation to harness the benefits for our communities. The Council is using its significant land ownership to deliver some of this growth through its Community Investment Programme (CIP), investing £2.3bn to deliver 4,850 new homes (1,800 affordable), improvements to schools and building or refurbishing 9,000m<sup>2</sup> of community space.

Design and Place is a multi-disciplinary team that provides proactive planning and urban design advice to the Council as landowner, developer, planning authority and highway authority. Working collaboratively it creates, shapes and implements the vision for the borough and particularly for the areas of significant change through the production of planning frameworks, site-specific briefs and advice to Development Management, Housing Delivery and Highways.

### **About the role**

We are looking for a talented urban designer to help deliver projects across Camden. This will involve a range of skill sets from the production of visions and frameworks that will shape the major areas of change in the Borough, to providing high quality urban design advice to Development Management, Housing Delivery and Transport. The ability to produce plans, graphics, images and documents of exceptional quality is essential along with the ability to critique and direct proposals from developers and their architects. This is an opportunity to positively influence growth in a London borough that demands and delivers some of the best new development in the country.

### **Key responsibilities**

- To provide urban design expertise, diagrams, images and concepts to support the Council's area based regeneration programme.
- To work with Development Management officers to influence positive design outcomes through the planning pre-application process.
- To work with CIP on the delivery of regeneration projects across the Borough.
- To undertake sites analysis, produce capacity studies, feasibility studies and make recommendations on Council owned sites.
- To support the production of high quality documents and presentations to promote the work of the team and the service.
- To support projects within the 'Raising Design Quality' agenda including the Camden Design Awards and the Camden Design Review Panel.

### **About you**

- Degree in architecture (RIBA part 1) or equivalent design qualification, with preferably a post graduate qualification related to the built environment.
- Ambition and drive to secure high quality design.
- Recent professional experience in critique and review of architectural and urban design proposals.
- Experience of using Sketch-up, Adobe Creative Suite, particularly In-Design and Illustrator, and GIS software e.g. Mapinfo.

- Experience of working on site based planning and urban design projects including feasibility work.
- Experience of urban design related image and document production.
- Knowledge of national and local planning issues.
- Good time management and ability to work independently or collaboratively in a team.

### **Work Environment**

This role is office based at 5 Pancras Square but some working from home is encouraged. The role requires a significant amount of contact with a wide range of partners through strategic relationships, often in meetings in and outside of the Council. External meetings are likely and site visits are essential, along with a willingness to work outside of normal office hours when requested.

### **Relationships**

Reports to Design Programme Manager and will work closely with other urban designers and well as officers across Design and Place. Partnership working with officers from other Council services including Development Management, Planning Policy, CIP, Housing Management, Transport, and Green Spaces is expected along with developers, agents, community groups and elected members.

### **Over to you**

We're ready to welcome your ideas, your views, and your rebellious spirit. Help us redefine how we're supporting people, and we'll redefine what a career can be. If that sounds good to you, we'd love to talk

### **Is this role Politically Restricted?**

Some posts at Camden are politically restricted, which means individuals holding these posts cannot have active political role. For a list of all politically restricted roles at Camden click [here](#).

### **Diversity & Inclusion**

At Camden, we value and celebrate difference and encourage diversity in all respects. Our diverse workforce ensures we represent our communities to the best of our ability and enables us to make better decisions. Because of this, we particularly welcome applications from Black, Asian and other ethnic groups, those who identify as LGBT+, neurodiverse and disabled people. Click [Diversity and Inclusion](#) for more information on our commitment.

### **Agile working**

At Camden we view work as an activity, not a place. We focus on performance, not presenteeism. We create trusting relationships, we embrace innovation rather than bureaucracy and we value people. Collaboration is the Camden way, silo working isn't.

At Camden we are proud to be one of Hire Me My Way's inaugural campaign supporters. Hire Me My Way is a national campaign led by Timewise, designed to increase the volume of good quality jobs that can be worked flexibly in the UK ([www.HireMeMyWay.org.uk](http://www.HireMeMyWay.org.uk)).

### **Asking for Adjustments**

Camden is committed to making our recruitment practices barrier-free and as accessible as possible for everyone. This includes making adjustments or changes for disabled people, neurodiverse people or people with long-term health conditions. If you would like us to do anything differently during the application, interview or assessment process, including

providing information in an alternative format, please contact us on 020 7974 6655, at [resourcing@camden.gov.uk](mailto:resourcing@camden.gov.uk) or post to 5 Pancras Square, London, N1C 4AG.

### **How to apply**

To apply for this job please follow the "Apply for job" link. In the 'Why you?' part of the application form you will be asked to explain how you meet the key requirements for this role listed in the advert. When explaining how you meet each of the requirements, please give examples that clearly demonstrate your skills, knowledge and experience. When writing your examples give a brief description of the situation or task but focus on the actions you took and the result of your actions.

Closing date for applications:

Interviews to be held:

Please quote ref: