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International Building Press Regional Awards Gather Momentum

The annual International Building Press (IBP) Regional Journalism awards continued to grow in stature with a record number of entries for this year's event, which was held at the Lowry Galleries, Salford Quays.

The awards now in their third year, are designed to showcase construction and property journalism at its very best, rewarding some of the finest articles written about the North West in the past year.

The Awards were split into five categories with the following winners:

- **Best Regional Article in a National Newspaper**
- **Winner: David Conn of the Guardian**, who tackled the complex issue of regeneration through large retail development. David carefully documented the arrival of a new Tesco store in Failsworth, an economically deprived area of Oldham. The judges said David's article was a distinctive, deeply investigative piece from nose to finish. Not afraid to handle difficult issues it provided an expansive view of large retail regeneration. **Stephen Bayley of the Observer** was Highly Commended for his article on the regeneration of Liverpool
- **Best Article in a Regional Newspaper**
- **Jill Burdett of the Manchester Evening News** was highly commended for her engaging examination of eco-homes. The judges said it was an engaging read with a highly unusual case study example, handled in a fun and interesting way.
- **Best Regional Article in a National Business Magazine**
- **Winner: Paul Unger of Property Week** for his revealing article on Grosvenor and Liverpool One. The judges said the article cleverly evoked the political and financial hinterland giving a fascinating first hand insight with the individual at heart.

- **Ben Walker of Regeneration and Renewal** was highly commended for his article on the entrepreneurs behind the “madchester” movement that included the late Tony Wilson and the regeneration of Manchester.
- **Best Article in a Regional Business Magazine**
- **Winner: Neil Tague of North West Business Insider** for his piece on the supercasino debate. Judges said the article was a clearly structured discussion of the regenerative value of supercasinos, written in a lean and direct style with balanced analysis.
- **Best Commercial Supplement**
- **Winner: Paul Unger of Property Week** for his inside story on Peel Holdings, developers of media city.
- The judges said it was a tightly crafted and wholly original article that gave profound insight into a business of breathtaking financial scale.

The awards were supported by a high profile, independent judging panel:

Stuart Lyell, Project Director at Allied London Properties
 Robert Shaw, Chief Executive, Castlewood Developments
 Colin Sinclair, Chief Executive of MIDAS
 Steve Parry, Managing Director, Neptune Developments
 Rupert Goddard, Design Director, Sheppard Robson
 Andrew Stokes, Chief Executive, Marketing Manchester
 Peter Lackey, Managing Director, dandara

Gerald Bowey, CEO of International Building Press comments:

“These articles serve to highlight the continuing regeneration and economic growth taking place in the North West. The high standard of journalism this year reflects well on the creative and exciting sector we operate in.”

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