CONSULTANCY & ENGINEERING AWARDS 2026

Transport Infrastructure Project

Eligibility

This category is open to UK-based transport infrastructure projects that demonstrate technical excellence, innovation, and measurable improvements in performance, user outcomes, or environmental sustainability.

Projects may relate to any mode of transport - road, rail, aviation, ports, active travel, or multimodal systems and must have delivered significant progress or results during the 2025 qualifying period.

Entries should clearly show how the project raised standards, improved outcomes for users or communities, and achieved positive environmental or operational impacts.

1. Project Eligibility

- Open to transport infrastructure projects delivered in whole or in part within the UK.
- Projects may be completed or in advanced phases of delivery, provided there is robust evidence of outcomes by 2025.
- Submissions must relate to a specific project, not a portfolio or programme, unless clearly defined as a single integrated initiative.
- Entrants may include consultants, contractors, client organisations or collaborative delivery teams.

2. Scope & Focus of Submission

Technical Excellence & Innovation

Projects must demonstrate:

- High quality engineering or technical delivery quality engineering or technical delivery.
- Innovative methods, tools or digital solutions.
- Creative problem solving in design, construction or operations.

Examples include complex engineering challenges resolved, digital twins, modern methods of construction, advanced modelling, or intelligent systems deployment.

Safety, Performance & User Outcomes

Submissions should evidence improvements in:

- Safety (during construction and/or operation)
- Network performance, capacity, reliability or resilience
- User experience, accessibility or inclusivity

Evidence may include safety incident reduction, improved service reliability, increased throughput, reduced delays or enhanced wayfinding and accessibility.

Environmental Performance, Carbon & Climate Resilience

Projects must highlight contributions to:

- Carbon reduction or low carbon construction-carbon construction
- Environmental protection or enhancement
- Long-term climate resilience

Examples include carbon baselining and reduction, reuse of materials, biodiversity gains, flood resilience, nature-based solutions, and sustainable design principles.

Stakeholder & Community Engagement

Entries should show:

- Engagement processes that shaped decision making.
- Transparent communication with communities, users, local authorities or other stakeholders
- Co-design or inclusive engagement where appropriate

Evidence may include consultation outcomes, community feedback, stakeholder forums or engagement plans.

Value for Money & Delivery Certainty

Projects must demonstrate:

- Efficient use of resources and public or private investment
- Programme certainty and effective risk management
- Cost control, productivity gains or innovative commercial approaches

Evidence may include cost benchmarking, schedule adherence, efficiency gains, improved forecasting or collaborative commercial models.

3. Evidence Requirements

Entries should provide proportionate evidence such as:

- Engineering reports, design documentation or technical case studies
- Performance metrics: safety, reliability, capacity, accessibility
- Emissions, sustainability or carbon reporting
- Stakeholder engagement logs, consultation outputs or user feedback
- Economic assessments, cost efficiency data or budget outcomes
- Visual materials (images, diagrams) supporting the achievement story

4. Judging Considerations

Judges will evaluate:

- The quality, credibility and clarity of evidence
- The complexity and ambition of the project
- The degree of innovation applied in solving transport challenges
- The scale of performance and environmental improvement delivered
- The partnership and engagement approach
- The project's wider legacy for users, clients, communities or the sector