



It's good to start the new year with uplifting news. Entering the office this morning, I learned that [Sustainable by Design](#) founder Lynne Sullivan landed an OBE at the New Year's Honours. It's really heartening to see Sullivan's behind-the-scenes policy and regulatory work recognised in this way. When I spoke to Lynne today, her first comment was that she was delighted as a woman to receive the award as fewer and fewer women seem to be entering the profession.

As a member of the Government's Building Regulations Advisory Committee since 2002, Sullivan has been instrumental in shaping the recent revisions to Part L. Currently chairing the [Zero Carbon Hub](#)'s Ventilation and Indoor Air Quality Task Group, she cited this as THE 'issue of the day.' 'We need to nail the issue of indoor air quality if we want to go more airtight to be sure that we are providing a healthy environment as well as a more energy efficient one,' Sullivan said. She praised the role of the [Good Homes Alliance](#) and its membership of proactive RSLs and developers in furthering debate on this issue, highlighting the need for more good case studies with empirical data.

Sullivan also noted that green shoots are sprouting at her practice with a newbuild Passivhaus house, an education building and a Passivhaus refurbishment in the pipeline. Read more about Sullivan [here](#) and in AJ Sustainability in Practice profile (AJ 12.06.08).

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