
Nationally Elected Councillor

ELSIE OWUSU OBE

- a. **Nominated by:** Sir David Adjaye OBE; Owen Luder CBE PPRIBA; Rod Hackney PPRIBA; Deborah Saunt RIBA; Yasmin Sharif RIBA; Stephanie Edwards RIBA; Roger Zogolovich RIBA
- b. **Practice Address:** 30 Chalfont Court, Baker Street, London, NW1 5RS
- c. **Position:** Practice Principal, Elsie Owusu Architects; Chair, RIBA Architects for Change
- d. **Qualifications:** Chartered Architect, Specialist Conservation Architect, Interior Designer



Election Statement:

RIBA's "BRAND" & LEADERSHIP - CHANGE FOR GOOD: Architects are special women and men, with a title hard-won from a costly education. As a National Council member and RIBA Role Model, I will continue to campaign for RIBA's leadership to change and modernise the construction industry - promoting excellent, sustainable design. RIBA must regain its role, as an inclusive Institute: with real membership benefits; effective government lobbying; high quality clients' advisory service and excellent remuneration.

STUDENT LOANS, DEBT, TRAINING & EDUCATION: As Vice-Chair of the London School of Architecture and trustee of the Architectural Association School of Architecture, I believe the issue of student loans and high debt must be tackled urgently, with new, affordable educational models and fair pay for Parts 1, 2, 3 and young architects.

MEMBERSHIP, INCLUSION & THE REGIONS: As Chair of RIBA's Architects Group, I'm helping RIBA deliver equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) and social mobility in architecture, with participation from all regions. Enriched by experience, gender, age, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, all architects deserve a secure future in the profession.

POST-BREXIT INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES: Working with London Mayor, Sadiq Khan, as a Design Advocate, I am aware of the UK's role as a global design hub of excellence. RIBA can maximise the power of this "brand" all for members' benefit. Wonderful opportunities exist globally. Harnessing historic relationships with 2.5 billion Commonwealth people - including the world's fastest-growing economies - RIBA can help boost social change internationally.