

## *Creating Communities Conference*

*Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2019*

### Conference agenda

08.30 **Breakfast and coffee**

09.00 **Welcome from Matthew Weiner, Chief Executive, U+I**

09.05 **Speech and Q&A with Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP**

We are delighted that the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government will join us for a major speech and discussion.

10.00 **Panel session: Where and how we should build**

What more do we need to do to unlock new development in partnership with communities? What frameworks work best for partnership with the private sector? How can we best masterplan communities across housing, commercial and the right infrastructure? How can we integrate the new and the old? Should we focus on garden cities, urban extensions, rising density in cities, or a combination of all three?

- Sir Edward Lister, Homes England, Simon Hesketh, Regeneration Director, U+I, Professor Yolande Barnes, Chair, UCL Bartlett Real Estate Institute, Tony Pidgley CBE, Chairman, Berkeley Homes, Chair: Nicholas Boys Smith, Create Streets

10.45 **Coffee and tea break**

11.15 **Parallel breakout sessions**

**1. The importance of good design**

Led by Nicholas Boys Smith of Create Streets, this session will explore the discoverable links between design with good resident wellbeing outcomes and consider the implications for design, development and planning, drawing on international empirical research. It is kindly sponsored by **Hydrock**.

- Chris Bowie-Hill, Hydrock, James McKechnie, Hydrock, Dr Chanuki Seresinhe, Alan Turing Institute

## 2. Engaging local people in the planning process

Led by Charles Campion of JTP, this session will consider how community groups can organise themselves and work effectively to interact well with landowners, developers and councils. It is kindly sponsored by **JTP**.

- Kathryn Eames, Director, Accordus, Nick Taylor, The Piece Hall, Halifax, Pamela Warhurst, Incredible Edible, Tom Chance, Director CLT Network.

### 11.15 **Parallel breakout sessions**

## 3. Accelerating build out rates

Led by Giles Carter of Ilke Homes, this session would explore how to improve build out, including through new technologies, skills investment, diversity of housebuilders and tenures and conditions on land. It is kindly sponsored by **Ilke Homes**.

- Richard Bacon MP, Chair, APPG on Self Build, Paul Miner, CPRE, Steve Quartermain, Chief Planner, MHCLG

## 4. Strategic planning

Led by Finn Williams, Public Practice, this session will explore how a new approach to local government could deliver better planning and improve the division of responsibilities within the housing and planning system. It is kindly sponsored by the **County Councils Network**.

- Catriona Riddell, Town and Country Planning Association, David Williams, Leader, Hertfordshire County Council, Neil O'Brien MP, MP for Harborough

### 12.00 **Panel session: Using land value uplift to fund infrastructure**

How should we plan for and pay for key infrastructure, from roads to schools and GP surgeries? What is the future of Section 106 and CIL? Is the Land Compensation Act fit for purpose and are there other financing options for infrastructure?

- Richard Walker, Lightwood, Pete Redman, Housing Futures, Polly Neate, Shelter, Tom Aubrey, Centre for Progressive Policy
- Chair: Neil O'Brien MP, Onward

12.45

**Lunch**

With 'soapbox' talks from a range of community organisers, chief Executives, campaigners and planners including

- Eleanor Lasota, Knowle West We Can Make, Jonathan Rosenberg, Chair, Walerton & Elgin Community Homes, Gareth Swarbrick, Chief Executive, Rochdale Boroughwide Housing, John Myers, Founder YIMBY Alliance, Gavin McLaughlin Gavin, Spatial Planning, TFL.

14.15

**Panel session: The role of mayors, local authorities and local businesses in development**

What should the relative roles be for different tiers of local government in the planning process? How should new mayoral and county authorities be included in decisions around strategic sites? Who should be responsible for major infrastructure or the location of garden towns and cities?

- Cllr Paul Carter, Chairman, County Councils Network, Andrew Carter, Chief Executive, Centre for Cities, James Palmer, Mayor for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, Fiona Fletcher Smith, Group Director, Sales and Development, L&Q
- Chair: Will Tanner

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Our Director is Will Tanner, former Deputy Head of Policy in 10 Downing Street and an adviser to Theresa May for three years in the Home Office.

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## About Create Streets

Create Streets is an independent, research institute which has had a major impact on the debate on planning and housing in England and Wales. Our aim is to make it easier to develop high density, beautiful, street-based economically and socially successful developments with strong local support and which residents will love for generations.

Our Director is Nicholas Boys Smith who has written widely on the barriers to regeneration and the links between urban form and design with wellbeing, popular support and long term value. Our patrons include Ben Page, Prof Yolande Barnes, Alain de Botton and Sian Hansen. The separate Create Streets Foundation provides training to community groups in disadvantaged areas in neighbourhood planning and urban design.