

MY KIND OF TOWN: Progress for planning

Monday 8 March 2010 Houses of Parliament

Why is there growing anxiety, controversy and disagreement over tall buildings, transport investment, house-building and major infrastructure projects in Britain?

Britain pioneered town and country planning and the post-war New Towns; do we need some of the fresh thinking which characterized those innovations in relation to today's urban environments?

The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act, recently given Royal Assent, is supposed to improve the efficiency of the planning system. Will it do so – or will it merely add to what is already a complex and bureaucratic system, and make it more difficult to create high-quality buildings and places?

International Building Press, in association with the All-Party Parliamentary Built Environment Group, has invited **Sir Terry Farrell** to discuss these and other matters, with **Paul Finch, chairman of CABE**. Sir Terry will discuss his long-term commitment to urban design, and his proposition that 'place' is of primary importance, inspiring architects and planners to address the wider picture in their pursuit of excellence.

Paul Carter, Leader of Kent County Council and chairman of the South East England Council, will join the debate and add comment from the region's discussion paper, 'Bold Steps For Radical Reforms: The Big Opportunity for Local Government and Big Savings for the Public Purse'.

Stephen Catchpole, Chief Executive, Wolverhampton Development Company opens the afternoon session. Stephen's focus is to make Wolverhampton a city of regional, national and international significance, working with partner organisations to increase the pace, scale and quality of development opportunities across the city.

Examples of projects being delivered range from the recently completed £37 million student village, Victoria Hall, through to the imminent start on site of Neptune Development's interchange scheme, which will create a state of the art city centre transport hub.

Councillor Edward Lister, Leader Wandsworth Council, Cabinet Member for Strategic Leadership and Community Planning also sits on Local Strategic Partnership committee (WLSP).

Keynote speakers from all three political parties will join us and add to the debate over lunch and for an exchange of views in the afternoon session.

Attendance is limited to 90 persons only over a full day session, commencing at 11.00am (registration from 10.30) with lunch, and concluding at 4.30pm. Please return the registration form below.

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Committee Room 9. 11 am to 4.30 am**

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