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Programme – **The Need for Speed - Manchester**

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10.30 **Welcome to the 250 New Towns Club in Manchester** – Mark Iddon

Mark is the founder of Urbanization Architects, with several years experience in the social housing sector. He previously led the housing team at Urban Vision, designing the first phase of council housing built in 30 years for Salford City Council. Mark is a council member of the Manchester Society of Architects, on www.the-msa.co.uk, and a reviewer and coordinator for The Manchester Salon, www.manchestersalon.org.uk. Urbanization promotes development of the man made environment for greater convenience, comfort and delight for all.



11.00 **The 250NTC Map of England: Work on the first 50 locations** – Ian Abley

The Eco-Towns, promoted by New Labour and Coalition governments through the department for Communities and Local Government, have failed. We see that none will be built - www.audacity.org/250NTC-Eco-Towns.htm. Of course we can learn from the attempt, and recover pro-development opportunities. The *National Planning Policy Framework* will formalise a presumption in favour of sustainable development. Why the prefix sustainable? We need development everywhere, and need it fast. The club's work to date will be summarised.

12.00 **Interconnecting Britain: The case for High Speed Rail** – David Thrower



www.campaignforhsr.com The Campaign for High Speed Rail argues that only additional new high speed lines will meet increased demand for long distance rail freight and commuting. The existing West Coast Main Line, East Coast and Midland Main Lines will become severely congested without parallel new high speed lines being built. David is a widely-experienced public transport analyst and adviser, having previously worked in a number of senior positions in Passenger Transport Executives, Local Authorities, and a public transport consultancy on rail, light rail,

bus and regional development issues. He has both extensive policy experience and a very detailed practical knowledge of the rail and light rail industries. David advises the North West Business Leadership team, and has been involved with high speed rail since the 1990s. He will argue for a more interconnected Britain.



1.00 **Lunch Break**

1.30 **Dislocating/Relocating Hulme: What comes next?** – Steven Millington

Steven lectures in Geography and Environmental Management, at the Faculty of Science and Engineering, Manchester Metropolitan University. He is a member of the Manchester Modernist Society. www.manchestermmodernistsociety.org

Steven argues that the 20th century produced multiple attempts to resolve the problems of the city, and improve urban life. For industrial cities like Manchester the ideological beliefs of planners and policy makers have radically transformed the postwar city. Notably, in the working class neighbourhood of Hulme, the dreams of planners flattened a post-war landscape. Hulme was comprehensively redeveloped, yet within thirty years this proposed utopia was subject to further demolition. The market was then meant to resolve urban problems. The financial crisis brings us from modernism to market failure, but what comes next...

2.30 **Closing discussion** – Chaired by Mark Iddon

3.00 **Close** – We have to tidy up, and will continue in a local café or bar



Manchester based photographer **Andrew Brooks** kindly helped to launch the 250 New Towns Club on 18 September 2010, at the Building Centre in London.



Andrew's work can be seen at www.andrewbrooksphotography.com

Steven Millington is also helping to launch www.the-modernist-mag.co.uk



The 250 New Towns Club will imagine an ambitious 20 year building programme, based on personal knowledge of real sites. Whether you are an amateur or a professional, poet or plumber, we want to hear from you. With so much digital photography and mapping we will collect a catalogue of new places for 10,000,000 households to call home.



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Venue

We will be meeting in the newly opened RIBA Hub, at the CUBE Gallery, 113-115 Portland Street, Manchester, M1 6FB. See:

www.architecture.com/RegionsAndInternational/UKNationsAndRegions/England/RIBANorthWest/RIBAHub.aspx

The club starts at 10.30am and runs through to 3.00pm. You can drop into the club at any time. Bring your own lunch, pop out, or eat in the café.

Registration

The RIBA Hub prefers registrations to be made directly in advance with **Mark Iddon** on mark@urbanization.org.uk. Provide your contact details if registering on the day.

Attendance Fee

A charge of £5 will be made. We can only accept cash on the day at the reception desk.

We look forward to meeting you on 18 June 2011

Further Information

Download from www.audacity.org/250-New-Towns-index.htm

A discussion draft of the 3 Aims for the 250 New Towns Club can be downloaded from www.audacity.org/downloads/250NTC-06-12.02.11-Aims-Draft-02.pdf

Suggestions for future events

Learning from popular house types: www.davoine.net – Pierre d'Avoine

Self-sufficient New Towns: www.tlio.org.uk – Simon Fairlie

A town called Hunter Douglas: www.hunterdouglas.co.uk – Andrew Lee

Britain's coastal potential: www.urbisnet.co.uk – Tony Pierce

Springfield: www.springfieldland.com.au – Raynuha Sinnathamby

Broken Ladder: www.joelkotkin.com – Joel Kotkin

Mile High Megastructure over the Thames: www.audacity.org – Ian Abley

Apsley Guise: www.urbisnet.co.uk – Tony Pierce

Email us with suggestions for the presentation you would like to give to the club

Initial Club Organisation

There is much to be done if we are to work as an effective club, and to find ways to better confront the planning establishment. This is our eleventh meeting, and we are beginning to sketch out a number of development locations. We need to do more.

We want to raise the **£3,000** needed to produce and publish our first 50 locations in an A3 landscape format colour book. This will be the focus of work for next year, inviting essays from members. We need skilled people for the website. The club's constitution needs to be drafted ready for an Annual General Meeting on 10 September 2011. The members are to accept, reject, or add to these stated aims by the time of the AGM:

- 1) To promote development and prosperity for a growing population
- 2) To re-establish a universal Right to Build on all Freehold land
- 3) To lower costs of Owner Occupation, so all forms of tenure cost less

Cautious endorsements were given on 9 September 2010 by Kate Henderson, Chief Executive of the TCPA, and by Housing Minister Grant Shapps on the Radio 4 programme *You and Yours*. Listen again on www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p009xv98

Ian Abley – wants to establish a stand alone website to keep up with club content

Tony Pierce – is finishing the Big Potatoes contribution based on our 3 draft aims

James Stevens – hopes to raise sponsorship for club activities and publications