

The twenty-first century presents us with the challenge to provide cheap and desirable homes in pleasant living spaces for growing populations, without wasting land or resources. As the 1947 Town and Country Planning Act enters its sixtieth year the time has come to look back on successes and failures – and to ask whether land use planning requires a facelift, or deserves retirement.



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**The Worldwide Impact of the British Town and Country Planning System**

**London 18 and 19 May 2007**

Supported by **RUDI**, on [www.rudi.net](http://www.rudi.net), the conference will question where land use planning is going, related to the need for a quantitative and qualitative advance in popular architectural production. Over the two day event 50 contributors from the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Holland, Germany, Ireland and Britain will address such questions as:

[What priorities do we want reflected in land use planning?](#)

[Has the notion of a distinct town and country become unsustainable?](#)

[Can planners reconcile government policies with where and how people actually want to live?](#)

[Is it justified to describe policies based on constraining building activity as “planning”?](#)

## **The British planning model**

For two days architects, planners, construction professionals and academics from all over the world will meet at the Building Centre in London; to mark the birthday of the British planning legislation that has been a model across the globe.

**All Planned Out?** will discuss how everyone can have the homes that they need in the places that they want. If you are a planner, an architect, working in the construction industry, a student, or simply want to involve yourself in the debate about how we shape town and country in the future, then **All Planned Out?** is the priority event for you.

# All Planned Out?

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### Background

This two day international conference in London brings together professionals, academics, and those more widely interested in development to review planning successes, recognise failures, and to discuss the requirements of a new century.

What planners think and are enabled to do matters to all of us. We have tremendous opportunities to create desirable and useful places to live and work, both for ourselves and for the future. A growing and mobile population, better methods of production, wider employment, changing climate and choice in lifestyles make exciting demands in the way we want to use and adapt our environments.

For 60 years the British 1947 Town and Country Planning Act has been an international model for regulating the production and reproduction of the built environment. Yet much has happened in Britain and internationally since the Second World War.

Many people around the world are considering how land use planning affects development in the twenty-first century. We have a growing population to accommodate, and must realise the means to provide for the future.

**All Planned Out? - The Worldwide Impact of the British Town and Country Planning System** is a packed programme of 50 contributors from around the developed world, keen to identify a way forward for land use planning, and to plan a campaign for change.

Full programme details, contributor contacts, and downloads are available on [www.audacity.org](http://www.audacity.org)

### Tickets

Tickets are to be purchased direct on the booking form at the Building Centre Trust, accessed through their Forthcoming Events page.

[www.buildingcentretrust.org](http://www.buildingcentretrust.org)

Tickets are for the entirety of the two days, and include the Friday evening presentation.

**Price: £352.50**

**Including: VAT at 17.5% of £52.50**

Concessionary rates are available for students (£120 plus VAT) and individuals (£240 plus VAT) not representing government, businesses, or institutions.

**To apply for a concessionary rate please email the Building Centre Trust.**

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### Contributors on Friday 18 May

#### 60 years on - The impact of the 1947 British Town and Country Planning Act

**Gideon Amos**, Chief Executive of the Town and Country Planning Association, co-author of *A Programme for Sustainable Communities*, and editor of *Connecting England - A Framework for Regional Development - Delivering sustainable communities – through planning*

**Rynd Smith**, Head of Policy and Practice at the Royal Town Planning Institute - *Planning: From Collective Vision to Statutory System*

**James Stevens**, Research and Policy Officer, Conservation Department, English Heritage - *Conserving privilege? - Conservation areas and social equity*

**Kate Moorcock-Abley**, Director of audacity - **Chair**

## Contributors on Friday 18 May continued...

### The humanising of terrestrial space

**Shlomo Angel**, Adjunct Professor of Urban Planning, New York University, Lecturer in Public and International Affairs at The Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, principal investigator and co-author of *The Dynamics of Global Urban Expansion* (2005) for the Transport and Urban Development Department of The World Bank - *Making Room: Preparing the Planet for Urban Expansion*

**Robert Bruegmann**, Professor of Art History, Architecture, Urban Planning University of Illinois at Chicago, and author of *Sprawl: A Compact History* (2005) - *What happens when governments manage growth?*

**James Heartfield**, Director of audacity, and author of *Let's Build! - Why we need five million new homes in the next 10 years* (2006) - **Chair**

### How development control affects property markets

**Wendell Cox**, St Louis, USA, visiting Professor at the Conservatoire National des Arts et Metiers, Paris, co-author of the annual *Demographia International Housing Affordability Survey*, and author of *War on the Dream: How Anti-Sprawl Policy Threatens the Quality of Life* (2006) - *Town Planning: The Negative Externalities*

**Yolande Barnes**, Director, Savills Research - *Land markets and housing supply: How the regulation of place impacts on value*

**John Stewart**, Director of Economic Affairs, Home Builders Federation, and author of *Building a Crisis* (2002) - *Planning the English housing market*

**Michael Savage**, Manager, Derivatives Credit Policy, Global Banking and Markets, Royal Bank of Scotland - *The causes and consequences of the house price boom, and what to do about it*

**Oliver Marc Hartwich**, Research Director at Policy Exchange, co-author of *Unaffordable Housing - Fables and Myths* (2005) and *The Best Laid Plans - How planning prevents economic growth* (2007) - **Chair**

## Strategic planning, infrastructure, and investment

**Samuel R. Staley**, Director of Urban and Land Use Policy, Reason Foundation, the co-author with Ted Balaker of *The Road More Traveled: Why The Congestion Crisis Matters More Than You Think, and What We Can Do About It* (2006) - *Developing Infrastructure: Markets, Administrative Planning, and the Limits of Democracy*

**Austin Williams**, Director of the Future Cities Project, and author and illustrator of *NBS Shortcuts: essential guides for building designers* - *What does it mean when planners try to reduce the need to travel?*

**Anna Scothern**, Director of the National Centre for Excellence in Housing, Building Research Establishment - *Title to be confirmed*

**Nick Rosen**, editor of [www.off-grid.net](http://www.off-grid.net), author of *How to Live off-grid*, to be published (June 2007) - *Off-Grid is a special case, deserving special treatment*

**Paul Hyett**, Chairman of RyderHKS, former president of the RIBA, Trustee of the Civic Trust, the British Architectural Library Trust, and the Construction Youth Trust, Board Director of the Building Centre, and Chairman of Carbon Vision, a sub-division of the Carbon Trust - **Chair**

### Everyday Architecture

**N. John Habraken**, former Director of SAR, the Foundation for Architectural Research in the Netherlands, former Head of the Department of Architecture at MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts, author of *Supports; an Alternative to Mass Housing* (1962), *The Structure of the Ordinary* (1998), and *Palladio's Children* (2005)

**Gordon Murray**, principal in gm+ad architects, former President of The Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland, Visiting Professor in Architecture and Urban Design, University of Strathclyde, and board member of the Lighthouse, Scotland's Centre for Architecture and Design - **Chair**

## Friday Evening Presentation

**Samantha Hardingham**, research fellow in Experimental Practice at the School of Architecture and the Built Environment, University of Westminster, author of *Cedric Price Opera* (2003) - **Chair**

**Will Alsop**, SMC Alsop, and author of *Supercity* (2005)

**Wine reception in the Building Centre foyer**

## Contributors on the second day, Saturday 19 May

### Who is the town and the countryside for?

**Nicholas Schoon**, Director of Communications, Campaign to Protect Rural England, and author of *The Chosen City* (2001) - *Sprawl bad, planning good*

**Steve Belmont**, member of the American Institute of Architects, president of Great Cities Alliance, and author of *Cities in Full: Recognizing and Realizing the Great Potential of Urban America* (2002) - *The social, environmental, and economic costs of urban land underutilization*

**Simon Fairlie**, director of Chapter 7, the planning arm of The Land Is Ours, and editor of *The Land - Ruralization: An alternative to sprawl*

**James Heartfield**, Director of audacity, and author of *Let's Build! - Why we need five million new homes in the next 10 years* (2006) - *Beyond Town and Country*

**Caspar Hewett**, mathematician and engineer, Director of The Great Debate, and Crucible 2006 awardee working for NESTA - **Chair**

### Finding the public in the British planning process

**Andrew Calcutt**, Principal Lecturer, University of East London, and Editor of *Rising East*, www.risingeast.org - *Seeing Through Transparency: the plight of planners without the public*

**Nick Hubble**, Research Fellow of the Centre for Suburban Studies, Kingston University, Kingston, and author of *Suburban Futures* (2006) - *The Utopian Dialectic of Housing Development*

**Jules Lubbock**, Professor at the Department of Art History and Theory, University of Essex, author of *Concepts of Self in the Theory and Practice of Architecture and Town-Planning since 1945* (2006) - *Can English Planning be Reformed?*

**Cany Ash**, Partner of Ash Sakula Architects - *Empowering the public as a positive force for good design*

**Jonathan Pugh**, Senior Academic Fellow in Territorial Governance at the Institute for Policy and Practice, Global Urban Research Unit, Newcastle University, co-developer of the academic network *The Space of Democracy and the Democracy of Space* - **Chair**

### How development in Ireland is not the same as in Britain, and England not the same as Scotland and Wales

**Shelagh Grant**, Chief Executive, the Housing Forum, Constructing Excellence - *Title to be confirmed*

**Steve Daley**, Director of Trasna An Domhain Go Léir, Ireland - *Why housing supply and house prices are going BOOM-BOOM in the Celtic Tiger*

**David Birkbeck**, Chief Executive of Design for Homes, and manager of Building for Life office for CABE and the Home Builders Federation - *Small Village Schemes: How do they hurt England?*

**Graham U'ren**, senior planner at the UK legal firm Dundas & Wilson, former Director of the Royal Town Planning Institute in Scotland - *Scotland - Big Plans for a Small Country*

**Mark Brinkley**, Contributing Editor on *Homebuilding & Renovating* magazine, and the author of the best-selling *The Housebuilder's Bible* - **Chair**

### How architects should fight for social and technological change

**James Woudhuysen**, Professor of Forecasting and Innovation at De Montfort University, Leicester, Board member of the Housing Forum, Director of audacity, and co-author of *Why is construction so backward?* (2004) - *The global agenda in housing innovation*

**Michael Trudgeon**, Director and senior designer, Crowd Productions Proprietary Limited, Victoria, Melbourne, Australia - *All tomorrows houses: Mobility as the technological antidote to localism*

**Owen Hatherley**, researching *Everyday Life, Mass Production, Mass Politics and the Avant Garde in Weimar Germany and the USSR, 1917-1934*, and contributor to *Socialist Worker, Historical Materialism*, and *Architect - Architecture or Revolution - Lessons from the Congrès International d'Architecture Moderne*

**Andrew Rabeneck**, former Assistant Director of Estates Imperial College London, and doctoral student in the History of Technology - *Construction Myths: Do they get in the way of success?*

**William McLean**, joint coordinator of Technical Studies at the School of Architecture and the Built Environment, University of Westminster - **Chair**

## Where to for planning?

**Thomas Sieverts**, Partner in S.K.A.T., Architekten und Stadtplaner, former Professor Urban Design, Technical University Darmstadt, and author of *Cities without Cities: An interpretation of the Zwischenstadt* (2004) - *Cities without Cities - a challenge for planning*

**Alan Hudson**, Director, Leadership Programmes for China, Oxford University Department for Continuing Education, Fellow of Kellogg College, Oxford, and co-author of *Basildon - The mood of the nation* - *The Twenty-first Century City - The making of citizens*

**Alan Moran**, Director of the Deregulation Unit, Institute of Public Affairs, Melbourne, Australia, and author of *The Tragedy of Planning* (2006) - *Housing Affordability and its Socio-Economic Consequences: Lessons from Downunder*

**Michael Owens**, Head of Regeneration at the London Borough of Merton - *Title to be confirmed*

**Timandra Harkness**, Director of engaging cogs, [www.engagingcogs.org](http://www.engagingcogs.org), funded by the EPSRC as a forum for public discussion around engineering, and a freelance writer and journalist – **Chair**

## Where to for Audacity International 2008?

**Ian Abley**, project manager for audacity, architect, and co-editor of *Manmade Modular Megastructures* (2006)

**audacity** will announce new collaborations and a campaign for 2008 with the Building Centre Trust, IBE at Cityscape, and RUDI.

There will also be proposals for audacity international events in America and Australia.

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