

*Creating Communities: beyond the pandemic*  
*Monday 21 September – Wednesday 23 September*

Session	Description	Speakers
<b>Introduction to first day and invitation to co-design</b> Monday: 14:45 – 14:55	Welcome to Creating communities 2020 and to first of our three themes: ‘levelling-up’  Invitation to observe live community co-design session.	Nicholas Boys Smith and Will Tanner  David Milner, Create Streets
<b>Live co-design drop-in session</b> Monday: 15:00 – 18:00	We will be live co-designing with community members for a site in the London borough of Tower Hamlets, aiming to create beautiful affordable homes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Milner, Create Streets</li> <li>• Revd Angus Ritchie, St George in the East</li> <li>• Miriam Brittenden</li> <li>• Community members</li> </ul>
<b>Panel discussion</b> Monday: 15:00-15:50  <b>Still levelling up?</b>	This session will explore how the levelling up agenda is (or is not) influenced by the events of 2020. It will ask how people can take greater ownership of their place in a way which can also interact with large sources of capital investment. How can bottom-up activity ‘scale up’? How can big capital work cost-efficiently in smaller parcels?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lord O’Shaughnessy</li> <li>• Cllr David Williams, Chairman, CCN</li> <li>• Vidhya Alakeson, CEO, Power to Change</li> <li>• Melissa Mean, We Can Make Knowle West</li> <li>• Bim Afolami, MP</li> </ul> Chair: Will Tanner, Onward

<b>Levelling up breakout sessions</b> Monday: 16:00-16:50	<p><i>Heritage: is it worth it?</i></p> <p>In economically challenged areas, low land values often mean that the conversion of historic buildings is financially unviable. Heritage is being demolished and replaced with nondescript low-grade development, depriving communities of their heritage as well as decent places to live and work. Can we fix this?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duncan Wilson, Director, Historic England</li> <li>• Nicola Chance-Thompson , Piece Hall</li> <li>• Mark Latham, Urban Splash</li> <li>• Adala Leeson, Historic England</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Liz Peace CBE, Chair The Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation</p>
	<p><i>"It's better up north"</i></p> <p>Community, Enterprise &amp; Place: the lifeblood of our northern towns. Is the post-COVID world a challenge or an opportunity?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charles Campion, JTP</li> <li>• Jane Scullion, Calderdale Borough Council</li> <li>• Cathy Parker, Institute of Place Management</li> <li>• Mary Clear, Incredible Edible</li> <li>• Mark Cropper, Cropper PLC</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Toby Lloyd, Chair, No Place Left Behind Commission</p>
<b>In conversation with...</b> Monday: 17:10 – 17:50  <i>Bruce Katz, author of The New Localism</i>	<p>This 'in conversation' session with leading international expert on the 'new localism' Bruce Katz, will explore the policies that are crucial to human wellbeing and how to achieve them.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bruce Katz, inaugural Centennial Scholar at Brookings Institute</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Ben Rogers, Centre for London</p>
18:00 – 18:30 Virtual happy hour and networking session.		
End of day one.		
<b>Introduction to second day</b> Tuesday: 09:00 – 09:05	Welcome to second of our three themes: place-making	Nicholas Boys Smith

<p><b>In conversation with...</b> Tuesday: 09:05 – 09:35</p>	<p>Why have people felt a loss of identity in recent decades?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lord Glasman, Chair, Common Good Foundation</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Will Tanner, Onward</p>
<p><b>Panel Session</b> Tuesday: 09:45- 10:35</p> <p><b>Is this the end or a new beginning</b> for prosperous high streets and town centres?</p>	<p>This Dragons’ Den style session will include a series of practical ideas and quick examples of successful high street management or revival (with voting) followed by a moderated discussion of the role of mixed use, flexibility, town centre management and community-led activity in ensuring prosperous town centres.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rachel Campbell, Head of Regeneration and Infrastructure, MHCLG</li> <li>• John Hoyle, CEO, Sook</li> <li>• David Rudlin, Chair, Academy of Urbanism</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Jeremy Hinds, Savills</p>
<p>10:35 – 11:15 Videos of case study projects over break</p>		
<p><b>Feedback session</b> Tuesday: 11:15 – 11:40</p>	<p>Feedback from community co-design sessions and visits</p>	<p>Canon Dr Angus Ritchie and co-design participants</p>
<p><b>Masterclass</b> Tuesday: 11:15 – 11:55</p>	<p>A masterclass in design codes and how to use them effectively to create great places.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ben Bolgar, Prince’s Foundation</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Andy Von Bradsky, Government Architect</p>
<p><b>Keynote speech (Government)</b> Tuesday: 12:00 – 12:40</p>	<p>A talk to set out the Government’s approach to planning reform, regeneration, housing, placemaking with Q&amp;A.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP, Secretary of State</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Nicholas Boys Smith</p>
<p>12:40 – 13:15 Videos of case study projects over lunch break</p>		

<p><b>Panel Session</b> Tuesday: 13.30 - 14.20</p> <p><b>Town or city?</b> Should the focus for housing and investment be in towns or cities?</p>	<p>Where should good development be focused? Town or city? Will COVID-19 lead to long term change in development patterns or is it a blip? How can development support a stronger social fabric? And how can it undermine it?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rob Perrins, CEO, Berkeley Group</li> <li>• Lord Barwell, former Housing Minister and No.10 Chief of Staff</li> <li>• Simon Dudley, Chairman, Homes England</li> <li>• Ian Harvey, Civic Voice</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Kate Henderson, Chief Executive, NHF</p>
<p><b>In conversation with...</b> Tuesday: 14.20 – 15.00</p>	<p>Creating a street in Norwich: the story of Goldsmith Street.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Mikhail, Founding Director of Mikhail Riches, Stirling Prize Winners 2019</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Melissa York, <i>The Times</i></p>
<p>End of day two.</p>		
<p><b>Introduction to third day</b> Wednesday: 09:00 – 09:05</p>	<p>Welcome to third of our three themes: Planning</p>	<p>Will Tanner</p>
<p><b>In conversation with...</b> Wednesday: 09:05-09:35</p> <p><i>The future of planning</i></p>	<p>This session will explore the future of planning with members of the Government’s planning review panel and Building Better Building Beautiful Commission, following the publication of the Planning White Paper in August.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary Parsons, Chair, TCPA</li> <li>• Bridget Rosewell CBE, economist</li> <li>• Nicholas Boys Smith</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Mark Prisk, former Housing Minister</p>

<p><b>Panel session</b> Wednesday: 09:45-10:35</p> <p><i>Long term investment in place and quality</i></p>	<p>This session will explore how housing associations, and other organisations with a long-term incentive to invest in place and quality, can work together with communities to make successful places and the difficult questions of who should do what, where and when?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helen Evans, CEO, Network Homes</li> <li>• Helen Goulden, Chief Executive, Young Foundation</li> <li>• Ben Houchen, Mayor of Tees Valley</li> <li>• Mike Amesbury MP, Shadow Housing Minister</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Lord Taylor of Goss Moor</p>
<p><b>Breakout sessions</b> Wednesday: 10.35 - 11.10</p>	<p>Can modular homes create beautiful, popular and healthy streets? Are they part of the solution or just an excuse to lower costs?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Farmer, Independent Champion for Modern Methods of Construction</li> <li>• Robert Luck, Latis Homes</li> <li>• Francis Terry, Francis Terry and Associates</li> <li>• Rosie Toogood, Legal &amp; General</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Martina Lees, <i>The Times</i></p>
	<p>Planning for the future in the wake of the pandemic: How cities and towns are approaching the recovery? Are we moving from town centre working to 15 minute neighbourhoods?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tom Copley, Deputy Mayor, London</li> <li>• Janet Sanz, Deputy Mayor, Barcelona</li> <li>• Kersten England, Bradford Metropolitan District Council</li> <li>• Rob Walsh, CEO NE Lincolnshire Council</li> <li>• Donna Hall, former Wigan Council chief executive</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Neil O'Brien MP</p>
<p><b>Masterclass</b> Wednesday: 11.15 – 11.45</p>	<p>The small sites' conundrum: why aren't we getting more housing from small urban sites? Research and discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judith Salomon and Nick Cuff, Pocket Living</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Ian Tant</p>

<p><b>Masterclass</b> Wednesday: 11.45 - 12.30</p>	<p>Walkable placemaking: some practical lessons from the US</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeff Speck, Author, Walkable City</li> </ul>
<p><b>In conversation with...</b> Wednesday 12:30 – 13.10</p>	<p>What is a strong town and how could be we creating stronger towns in the UK?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charles Marohn, Strong Towns</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Nicholas Boys Smith</p>
<p>Closing remarks</p>		
<p>13:15 – 13:45 Virtual cocktail party.</p>		

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