

**MEETING: NATIONAL PLANNING FORUM**  
**TIME: 12.45pm for 1.30pm MONDAY JUNE 16<sup>th</sup> 2014**  
**LOCATION: LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE, SMITH SQUARE, LONDON, SW1P 3HZ**

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## **AGENDA**

### **1. Welcome and opening remarks**

Ghislaine Trahearne: Assistant Director (Planning and Development) British Property Federation and Vice Chair of the National Planning Forum (Business Sector)

### **2. Designs on Planning: current issues in urban design and architecture**

- Max Farrell – Partner at Farrells and Project Leader for the recently published and DCMS commissioned *Farrell Review* of architecture and the built environment.
- Carol Pyrah – National Planning and Conservation Director, English Heritage.
- Clare Devine – Director of Architecture and the Built Environment, CABI at the Design Council
- Esther Kurland - Director, Urban Design London
- Q and A chaired by Esther Kurland

(Speaker biographies overleaf)

### **3. Provocative Questions project – update**

The Secretary

### **4. NPF Member survey, governance and future programme - update**

The Chair and Secretary

### **5. Any other business**

#### **MEETINGS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2014:**

September 10<sup>th</sup> - LG House

December 15<sup>th</sup> – LG House

### **Max Farrell**

Max is a Partner at Farrells and has a background in public affairs and public relations. He has an MA in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Westminster and is a member of the Academy of Urbanism. At Farrells his role includes liaison with local and national government on high speed rail and aviation strategy as well as proposals for a new transport 'super hub' at Old Oak Common where HS2 meets Crossrail in West London. Max is involved in international projects in Malaysia and China and for overseas clients investing in London, including the largest ever Chinese project funded by a private sector client at Royal Albert Dock.

Max led the recent Farrell Review, a national review of architecture and the built environment which Sir Terry Farrell was invited to conduct at the invitation of Culture Minister Ed Vaizey.

### **Carol Pyrah**

National Director, National Planning and Conservation, English Heritage

### **Clare Devine**

Director of Architecture and the Built Environment at the Design Council

Clare is chair for Women in Architecture and vice chair of Architects for Change at the RIBA. She was previously a board director at Shepherd Epstein Hunter, set up the London office of Cambridgeshire-based Ruddle Wilkinson and served as head of education and public sector at Capita Symonds.

### **Esther Kurland**

Director, Urban Design London

Esther is a planner and urban designer by background. She worked for 10 years in local authorities in policy, development control and design and conservation planning posts. Esther then moved to the GLA where she worked on the built environment aspects of the first London Plan before moving to CABE to lead on planning issues in 2003.

Esther has been Director of UDL since 2006. Since that time she has worked to develop and improve UDL's programme, working closely with core partners TfL, the GLA, London boroughs and many others to support and encourage good design in the capital.

Esther has been part of a wide range of Design Review panels, steering groups and advisory committees. Through these she has learnt from, and hopefully helped improve, all sorts of projects including Crossrail stations, Thames Tunnel's new riverside mini parks, council housing estate renewal projects, historic garden improvements, major town centre improvements and street redesigns.