

MEETING: NATIONAL PLANNING FORUM

TIME: 12.45pm for 1.30pm THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 20th 2012

LOCATION: ROOMS 3 and 4, LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE, SMITH SQUARE, LONDON, SW1P 3HZ

NOTE CHANGE OF ROOM

AGENDA

1. Welcome and opening remarks

Brian Waters: Chair of the National Planning Forum and NPF Vice-chair (Professions)

2. THE GREAT DEBATE: WHERE NEXT FOR PLANNING?

Alex Morton – The Policy Exchange

Alex joined Policy Exchange in October 2010 as a Senior Research Fellow in the Economics unit, with a particular focus on housing and planning issues. Alex rose to become Head of the Housing & Planning unit on its creation in September 2012. Prior to joining Policy Exchange Alex was Secretary to the Conservative Party's Globalisation and Global Poverty Group Policy Group under the Rt. Hon Peter Lilley MP. Following this he worked in the Civil Service Graduate Fast Stream at the Department of Health, before leaving to publish *Making Housing Affordable*, which set out the cost of current housing policies and went on to win Prospect's Magazine's 2010 Think Tank Publication of the Year. He is the co-author of *More Homes; Fewer Empty Buildings* which argued for easier conversion to homes for vacant office and retail properties and *Cities for Growth*, which argued for a radical overhaul of urban planning policies and new Garden Cities close to existing urban areas.

Matthew Spry – Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners

Matthew joined NLP in 2008 from Deloitte. He advises extensively on the planning, economics and delivery of major housing development, including urban extensions, new settlements and infrastructure plans and continues to lead on a diverse range of economic growth and area-based regeneration projects, and co-ordinates NLPs research and intelligence function. NLP is currently RTPI Consultancy of the Year.

Mike Kiely – Senior Vice-President, the Planning Officers Society

Mike is Vice-President of the Planning Officers Society, Chair of POS London. He was appointed Director of Planning and Building Control, LB Croydon in April 2009 and had previously worked for the GLC, Maidstone, Havant, Bexley, Waltham Forest and Tower Hamlets in all aspects of planning; but specializing in development management.

Richard Blyth – Head of Policy and Practice, Royal Town Planning Institute

Richard came to the RTPI a year ago following three years with Capita Symonds Ltd. Prior to this his career has included working on streamlining LDFs at the Department for Communities and Local Government; leading the team that delivered the last Berkshire Structure Plan and two years in the Gambia as a physical planning officer.

Jackie Sadek – Co-founder and Chief Executive: UK Regeneration

Jackie started in urban regeneration at the London Docklands Development Corporation before joining Stanhope PLC, working on Broadgate, Stockley Park, Chiswick Park and Kings Cross. In the 1990s she worked in the site acquisition team at Tesco PLC, before forming the Paddington Regeneration Partnership in 1997 on behalf of all the Paddington developers. Further land ownership partnerships followed (notably at Brierley Hill) before Jackie went to lead large scale projects in the public sector, first at Kent Thameside and then at the Park Royal Partnership. In 2007 Jackie became Head of Regeneration for CBRE, leading a number of flagship projects within their newly created Regeneration practice, before leaving to form UK Regeneration at the end of 2010.

As Chief Executive of UKR, Jackie leads a new business, working with Barclays, Jones Lang LaSalle and a team of eminent senior professionals, to forge a new private sector model for regeneration in the UK bringing forward mixed use developments on city centre infill sites. The (humble) public aspiration is to deliver 20,000 homes by 2020. And the first UKR pilot project is in Nottingham.

3. RICS Guidance Note 1: Financial Viability in Planning

Presentation by Robert Fourt, Gerald Eve followed by discussion.

4. Building a better environment: Our role in development and how we can help - Environment Agency, Natural England and the Forestry Commission

Presentation by Andy Howe, Senior Advisor – Sustainability, the Environment Agency followed by Q and A.

5. Update: the Secretary

6. AOB

NEXT FORUM MEETING: December 13th 2012

12.45pm for lunch - start of business 1.30pm - at Local Government House, Smith Square, London
