

## **19 February 2016 Place Alliance Press Release**

### ***Building Better Places – We need to aim higher***

Today the **House of Lords Select Committee on National Policy for the Built Environment** released their report *Building Better Places*.

Prof Matthew Carmona, Chair of Place Alliance and Specialist Advisor to the Select Committee commented:

“The report sets out a blueprint for moving design and place quality to the top of our national policy agenda and the Place Alliance both welcomes the report and urges government and policy makers to take its key messages seriously.

At its core is a recommendation that, as a nation, we need to aim higher in how we plan, design and manage our built environment. Also that the leadership and ambition to do this needs to begin with Government.

Too often as a nation we have focussed on the quantity of development and the speed of our regulatory processes, and whilst these matters are important, they should not be at the expense of a clear vision of the sorts of places and communities that we wish to see. Building Better Places, argues for a place centred approach to policy at national and local levels and this has to be right.

The Place Alliance strongly endorses this approach”

### **Notes for editors**

The Place Alliance is a new movement which emerged following the Farrell Review of architecture and the built environment (2014). It brings together organisations and individuals who share a belief that the quality of our built environment has a profound influence on people's lives.

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