

THE BIG MEET5: National design review conference

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Morning Session

Victor Callister

Victor Callister is the Deputy Director of Architecture and Built Environment at the Design Council, overseeing the development of their highly valued Design Review and design support programmes. Having spent 25 years at the City of London as a Planner, urban designer and the lead on the City's public realm transformation, he is a very experienced built environment practitioner. In his role at the Design Council, Victor is part of the team helping to support and promote the highest standards of design in the built environment at a transitional time.

Matthew Carmona

Matthew Carmona is Professor of Planning & Urban Design at UCL's Bartlett School of Planning. His research has focused on urban design, processes of design governance and on the design and management of public space. Matthew was educated at the University of Nottingham and is a chartered architect and planner. He chairs the Place Alliance which brings together organisations and individuals who share a belief that the quality of the built environment has a profound influence on people's lives. He was Specialist Advisor to the House of Lords Select Committee on National Policy for the Built Environment and in 2015 won the RTPI Academic Award for Research Excellence.

Andrew Forth

Andrew Forth is the Policy & Public Affairs Manager at the Royal Institute of British Architects. He oversees the RIBA's political engagement and the development of new policy ideas in a range of fields including housing, planning, sustainability and devolution.

Mary Laheen

Mary Laheen is a practising architect and principal of Mary Laheen Architects, Dublin. She is a lecturer in architectural design at the School of Architecture and Landscape, University College Dublin. Her research interest is cultural landscape. Mary is a member of the Ministerial Advisory Group (MAG) which has a primary role to advise the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure on the implementation and development of the Architecture and Built Environment Policy (Northern Ireland). Mary brings skills and experience of professional practice, landscape study and teaching to the MAG and is currently Chair of the MAG's Design and Briefing Review team.

Nigel Longstaff

Nigel is the Urban Design Director at Barratt Developments. He joined Barratt developments Plc in April 2008 from Miller Homes Ltd where he was Technical Director at their Midlands region. Nigel's initial role was to run their internal Urban Design Department and expand it from the historic David Wilson Homes master planning function. The role changed in 2009 when the company decided to adopt placemaking as part of its core priorities and from there Nigel has been promoting a sea change across the Group.

Mark Pearson

Mark is currently in practice with his wife and partner as Pearson Lubbock Architects and fulfils the role of Executive Director at the Architecture Centre Devon and Cornwall - which includes acting as the Chair of the Cornwall Design Review Panel and Secretary to the Torbay Design Review Panel. He is a built environment expert for Design Council CABE; a Trustee of Cornwall Architectural Trust; a member of the Urban Design Group; the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, and has been elected a corporate member of the RIBA and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. He also maintains a keen interest in the Bristol Urban Design Forum as a founding member of the steering group that oversees the provision of design review services in that city.

Cllr. Amanda de Ryk

Amanda de Ryk is an elected councillor representing Blackheath in Lewisham. She was first elected in 2010 and is chair of Lewisham's Strategic Planning Committee. Her professional background is in radio and television at the BBC where she produced news, arts and leisure programmes.

Richard Simmons

Richard Simmons is a town planner who has held senior roles in central and local government and a variety of urban regeneration agencies. He was Chief Executive of the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) from 2004 to 2011. He is currently a visiting lecturer at the Bartlett School of Planning and the University of Greenwich School of the Built Environment. He is a member of the South East England Design Review Panel.

David Tittle

David Tittle is the Chair of the Design Network and Chief Executive of MADE.

David joined the Civic Trust in 2001 and later founded R99, a company specialising in urban design training for local authorities and others. David is also a trustee of Civic Voice.

Leanne Tritton

Leanne is the founder and managing director of ING MEDIA.

Over the last 15 years, Leanne, along with her team has built ING into the recognised leader in PR and Communications for the architecture, design, regeneration and property sectors.

Afternoon Session

Amy Burbidge

Amy Burbidge is the Design Manager at the North Northants Joint Planning Unit where she provides advice to the 4 partner authorities in the JPU area on urban design both in terms of policy, major strategic sites and on planning applications. She co-ordinates responses to seek to improve design quality across the NNJPU area and has been in post since 2008. The post was originally jointly funded by CABE, Arts Council England and the JPU.

Before that Amy worked at the London Borough of Harrow as Design and Conservation Leader. She is an archaeologist by training, but quickly focused on historic building conservation, and then into urban design.

Ludo Campbell Reid

Ludo is General Manager and Design Champion of the Auckland Design Office at Auckland Council and leads a team of 36 design professionals charged with spearheading Auckland's design-led renewal.

He is an urban design and urban planning specialist with over 22 years public and private sector experience on large scale city transformation and regeneration projects in London, Cape Town and Auckland. Before arriving in Auckland, Ludo was the CEO of Urban Design London and a Senior Urban Designer at the London Borough of Tower Hamlets where Ludo led an urban unit responsible for ongoing master planning, urban design and architecture (including Canary Wharf, London's second Financial District). Working in South Africa during the 1990s, Ludo was a member of the ongoing master planning team working on the transformation of the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront in Cape Town's former discussed dockland railway yards.

Heather Chapple

Heather is an Architect and a director of Architecture & Design Scotland (A&DS) the national place-making champion.

With over 25 years' experience in the private, public and third sectors she is responsible for the advice A&DS provides into the planning system and to public sector clients such as Health Boards. A&DS aids the consideration of design in planning through activities such as supporting pre-application design dialogue on significant developments through a short series of multi-agency workshops, growing a network of urban design officers in Local Authorities to share learning, and assisting Councils who choose to develop local design panels.

Carole-Anne Davies

Carole-Anne is founding Chief Executive of the Design Commission for Wales which promotes good design for a Wales that is a better place.

A visual arts and literature graduate Carole-Anne is an experienced executive, former consultant to the Scottish Government and a former Trustee of the board of the National Museum of Wales. She is an alumna of the CSC Leaders Commonwealth Study Conferences, an independent mentor and an active Fellow of the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA). Carole-Anne loves international travel and is passionate about, some might say devoted to, her 10 perch allotment.

Max Farrell

Max is a Partner at Farrells with responsibility for strategic planning and communications. His role includes liaison with local and national government on high speed rail and aviation strategy. This includes proposals for a new transport 'super hub' at Old Oak Common where HS2 meets Crossrail in West London, and the expansion of Gatwick based on a second runway. He is currently involved in international projects in Asia and for overseas clients investing in London, including Royal Albert Dock for ABP.

Robin Nicholson

Robin Nicholson is a senior member of Cullinan Studio. He is Convenor of the multi-disciplinary built environment think-tank, the Edge. He chairs the Cambridgeshire Quality Panel and is a CABE Design Review Chair. He is an Honorary Professor at the University of Nottingham and member of NHBC Foundation Expert Panel.

Previously he was a Vice-President of the RIBA (1992-94), Chairman of the CIC (1998-2000) and a founder member of the Movement for Innovation Board (1998-2001). He was a CABE Commissioner (2002-10), chaired the DCSF Zero Carbon (Schools) Task Force (2009-10) and was a Non- Executive Board Member of the NHBC (2007-14).

David Ubaka

David Ubaka created D.U.P. Ltd (David Ubaka Placemakers) in 2012 as an independent project implementation, client and design consultancy. Previously he was Head of Design (Urban Realm) at TfL and Assistant Director at Design for London (TfL). He is a Built Environment Expert (BEE) for Design Council CABE, a Chartered Architect and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Highways and Transportation.

Ben van Bruggen

Ben is an Urban Planner with 20 years' experience working in the public and private sectors in the UK and internationally. Ben founded van Bruggen Urbanism in 2012 to provide advice to clients on urban planning, urban design and architectural aspects of planning applications, including townscape and heritage assessments and design review. Before setting up van Bruggen Urbanism Ben was Urban Design Director in the Savills London Office; he was also Senior Design Review Advisor to the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) from 2001 – 2006, where he was responsible for leading CABE's Design Review work on many major projects. As well as being co-chair of the Design: South + East Panel, Ben is also Deputy Chair of the Lewisham Design Review Panel and a founding member of the Home Office Design Panel. Ben is a past Chair of the Urban Design Group.

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