

Press Release – 16/10/2019

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Planning Portal Conference – Final Agenda Announced

14-15 November, Hilton Birmingham Metropole, NEC

www.planningportal.co.uk/conference



DAY 1 – Thursday 14 November

09:00 – Registration & Exhibition Opens

10:00 – Welcome & Market Overview

Planning Portal will share insight, for the first time, into planning application data. The trends, the opportunities and how they plan to make this available in the future.

Speaker – Sarah Chilcott – Managing Director, Planning Portal

10:30 – Keynote – The Future of Planning

Lord Matthew Taylor advised successive governments on planning policy. In 2006-8 he conducted the Government's rural planning review 'Living Working Countryside', which laid many of the foundations for the Government's National Planning Policy Framework and Neighbourhood Planning. Lord Taylor will discuss the new settlements programme, his previous work creating the NPPG, and offer some political commentary two weeks after Brexit?

Followed by Q&A

Speaker – Lord Matthew Taylor

11:00 – Morning Break

11:30 – Second Keynote, tbc

12:00 – Panel – The future of Planning and Construction?

An holistic view on where planning and construction is currently, and thoughts on what is going to be affecting it in the future. With Brexit imminent and a key influencing factor, what are the likely changes ahead that could affect these industries.

Chaired by Andy Sawford, Connect Communications, tbc
Birmingham City Council, invited
Lorna Stimpson – Chief Executive, LABC
Sarah Chilcott - Managing Director, Planning Portal

12:45 – Lunch

14:00 - Tech Trend Overview

The future vision of the Planning Portal, and how they will be developing their services to exploit new and future technologies.

Speaker – Scott Alford – Head of Business Development, Planning Portal

14:30 – Technology Innovation in Planning

Theo Blackwell, London's first Chief Digital Officer. Theo will play a leading role in realising the Mayor's ambition to make London the world's smartest city, ensuring that the capital's status as a global tech hub helps transform the way public services are designed and delivered, making them more accessible, efficient and responsive to the needs of Londoners. Theo will address innovation in the planning system including their work on GIS and Open Planning Data

Speaker - Theo Blackwell – Chief Digital Officer, Greater London Authority

Followed by Q&A

15:00 – Afternoon Break

15:45 – ESRI – New data product launch!

Marcus will talk about some of the key information challenges in planning today and how this has inspired him to establish Landclan, a new company and cloud service to addresses those challenges. Marcus will outline how Landclan harnesses the power of the public cloud and ESRI's Software as a Service platform, ArcGIS Online, to bring innovation and technical enablement to land development and analysis, enabling users to view and analyse literally any land parcel on earth.

Speaker – Marcus Hank - Co-Founder and Chief Executive, LandClan (ESRI)

16:15 – Panel – Technology in Planning

A look at how technology is evolving to meet the digital needs of customers across the planning spectrum. Views from key technology advocates and their thoughts on where technology is heading and what benefits this will bring to planners, architects, and local authorities.

Chaired by Kevin Crawford – Chair, Technical Standards Committee, CIAT
Marcus Hanke – Co-Founder and Chief Executive, LandClan (ESRI)
Marvin Theissen – Business Development, PlanGrid
Fanis Anastasiadis – Chartered Architect, Urbanist Architecture
Scott Alford – Head of Business Development, Planning Portal

17:00 Closing Remarks

18:45 – Drinks Reception

19:30 – Gala Dinner

DAY 2 – Friday 15 November

09:00 – Registration & Exhibition Opens

09:30 – Opening Remarks – Sarah Chilcott – Managing Director, Planning Portal

09:35 – Opening Keynote: Grenfell changes everything – Designing Building Safety into Planning

Lorna will be talking about the future policy and regulation from the Hackitt Review. The Government's intentions are to incorporate a series of 'gateway points' into its planned building safety regime for high-rise buildings in England. Register to hear first-hand about its implications on the planning process that will require a demonstration of compliance at set points during design, planning and construction of the building.

Speaker – Lorna Stimpson – Chief Executive, LABC

10:00 – Panel – What will the Building Safety Programme mean for planning?

Following Lorna Stimpson keynote, panellists will discuss the impact this will have on planning and design, what changes, and process they will need to plan for and the challenges they will face.

Chaired by Angus Law – Lecturer in Fire Safety Engineering, School of Engineering Edinburgh University
Lorna Stimpson – Chief Executive, LABC
Adrian Dobson – Executive Director, RIBA
Paul Timmins – Vice President, ACAI
Peter Baker – Director, Building Safety Programme Response, Health & Safety Executive

11:00 – Morning Break

11:45 – Keynote: Granting Planning Permission or Delivering Housing?

Speaker – Victoria Hills – Chief Executive, RTPi

12:15 – Different Models of Housing Delivery

MEARS Group will discuss two of their current funding models; one focusing on funding the design, build, and delivery of social care housing and the second exploring the 'more homes' joint venture model which addresses homelessness.

Speakers

Sian Davenport – Business Development Manager, MEARS Care & Housing Management

Eve Cleghorn – Business Development Manager, MEARS Housing

12:45 – Panel – What does the drive to build more housing mean for planning?

The Government has committed to deliver 300,000 homes a year by the mid-2020's that cannot be delivered by just the commercial sector. Panellists will discuss new and different models and approaches being adopted to achieve housing targets and drive housebuilding.

Chaired by Janice Morphet – Visiting Professor, UCL – The Bartlett School of Planning

Victoria Hills – Chief Executive, RTPi

Jason Longhurst – Director of Regeneration & Business Support, Central Bedfordshire Council

Home Builders Federation – TBC

Federation of Master Builders – TBC

13:30 – Closing Remarks – Sarah Chilcott – Managing Director, Planning Portal

13:35 – Lunch

14:00 – Exhibition and Conference Close