



Opening doors,
renewing hope.

Introduction by Peter Kershaw from the influential Planning and Placemaking Awards 2016 shortlisted Paris Smith LLP Planning Team. Peter is also a regular authoritative guest author for the subscription only Legalease Procurement and Outsourcing Journal.

At a time when the second instalment to the hugely iconic nineties film *Trainspotting* returned to our cinema screens 20 years on from its first instalment, it is for me a noteworthy indictment of the current predicament we face with our housing supply shortage that its musings on life in Britain no longer refer to lines such as "Choose life" ... "Choose fixed-interest mortgage repayments" ... "choose a starter home" ... but instead to no mention at all of housing ... just to dark part assessments including the lines "Choose life" ... "a two hour journey to work" ... "and choose the same for your kids, only worse".

I believe this conference marks the precipice of a finite moment of opportunity and responsibility for all stakeholders to leave no stone unturned in working innovatively together to make a defining contribution to helping to lift lives and restore hope and options to each and every group in society currently trapped in housing unsuitable for their needs.

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Welcome!

On behalf of *Planning*, I would like to welcome you to the 4th edition of the Planning For Housing Conference. Now more than ever, it is a critical time to debate ideas and share practical solutions on how the public and private sectors can work together to deliver the housing we need across the country.

With the current consultation on the Housing White Paper and new proposals to build homes more quickly, this event is the chance to discuss what the latest planning for housing policy means for the sector, and explore how local authorities and applicants can not only successfully plan, but also make housing delivery actually happen in their local areas.

Throughout the day, you will have the opportunity to choose between sessions on subjects that matter most for you, so we hope you will take every chance to exchange ideas with your peers. You can decide to attend breakout sessions from streams that will take a cross-sectoral approach to key challenges in planning for housing or, for the first time this year, from a special "Planning for Development" stream designed for housebuilders, housing associations, developers, investors and the authorities and advisers that work with them.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your ideas for future events, please feel free to contact a member of the event team at the registration desk who would be delighted to hear your feedback and discuss your suggestions.

I would like to extend a warm thank you to all of our speakers and partners for bringing their expertise to our gathering, and I hand over to them now for an exciting and valuable day.

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