

Welcome

With the draft publication of the London Plan and the Mayor’s Transport Strategy (MTS) this year’s events programme will examine both documents in detail with a wide range of seminars, debates and network meetings. We will also run a series of practical hands-on workshops to bring both publications to life.

Our design guidance, the ‘Design Companion for Planning and Placemaking’, was published in 2017 by RIBA; and to celebrate we will be running a series of events on the key lessons from the companion providing you with the necessary tools to deliver better places in line with current best practice.

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The Design Companion

These events are based on UDL's recently published book on design guidance for planners. The book was prepared by a wide range of planning and design experts who will speak at the events, helping those involved in placemaking secure higher standards of design and deliver better places.

17/04/18

The Design Companion: An Introduction

An Introductory session exploring how planning and design fit together, including the design challenges and opportunities for different development types.

13/09/18

Tall Building Design

Looking at the impact of tall buildings on their surroundings and the considerations needed when assessing a project at planning application.

09/05/18

Design, People & Processes

Explaining the role of those involved in planning and design processes; what they do, their specialist skills, and how they can best work together.

09/10/18

Design & The Historic Environment

Understanding and applying the terms 'context' and 'significance' and how to best manage heritage assets to create even better places.

06/06/18

Understanding Plans & Drawings

Considering the different methods of visual representation and when and how best to use them to communicate effectively with different audiences.

31/10/18

Landscape Design

Explaining how to assess landscape proposals, alongside drawing up plans and policies that set out what landscaping should achieve, why and how.

19/06/18

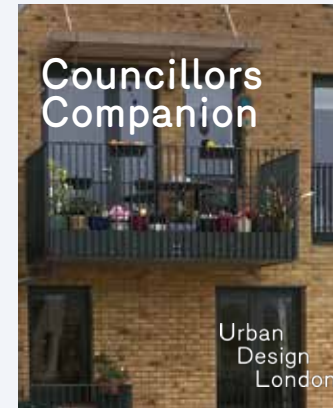
Designing Small-Scale Development

Discussing the main issues around orientation, scale and details of small schemes and how best to deal with all of them.

13/11/18

Housing Design

A look at the qualities of successful places, including how to create walkable and safe neighbourhoods, inclusive communities and exemplary homes for all.



This sourcebook will provide more practical guidance for councillors to help ensure higher standards of design and better places in their local boroughs.

05/12/18

Street Design

Looking at how streets can achieve their full potential; to serve buildings and their occupants, enable movement by foot or by bicycle, and be places to linger in and enjoy.

27/03/19

Designing Town Centres & Transport Interchanges

Looking at how we design and manage our local town centres and transport interchanges to ensure the places we share ideas, buy goods and meet in are loved and valued spaces.

31/01/19

Public Space Design

Examining how planners can consider and influence the design of public spaces to deliver higher quality places; that offer local economic, environmental and social benefits.

17/04/19

Designing Town Extensions & Large-Scale Schemes

Exploring the special characteristics of town extensions and large-scale developments and how we can ensure new neighbourhoods will be appreciated by future generations.

27/02/19

Environmental Design

Exploring the environmental issues that planners need to consider for proposals including wind, temperature, daylight and water management.



Planning London

A series of seminars to discuss and debate the significant planning issues of the moment in the Mayor's Draft London Plan and how these will impact on London and Londoners.

08/05/18

Meeting Our Housing Need: Targets & Thresholds

How are housing targets set and are they realistic? What do the different housing tenures, mix and thresholds mean for boroughs planning to deliver new homes and community amenities in partnership with others?

18/10/18

Tall Buildings

Looking at the draft plan policies on tall buildings, their siting and setting and how we assess them considering pedestrian comfort.

05/06/18

Housing Options

Considering shared-living and other emerging forms of housing—including modular homes, self-build and infill on smaller sites—and how we can continue to ensure design quality.

08/11/18

People & Communities

Looking at the challenges and best practice approaches that include local communities in the planning process and ensuring places meet the needs of everyone.

03/07/18

Density

Understanding how we can ensure good growth and how best to assess, monitor and compare development proposals when considering density and its implications for the surrounding neighbourhood.

26/03/19

Working City

Looking at the types of work places needed to keep talented businesses in London and where they should be located, and how they should integrate with neighbourhoods.

27/09/18

Design Analysis

Considering the draft policies on design review, design evaluation, quality and the requirements.

Planning
London



Getting Homes Built

A practical set of workshops to help understand how to technically assess, partner and communicate in order to deliver housing schemes. The workshops will build into a practical and up-to-date resource book of how to get homes built.

The series will be run as a multi-session course and those who attend all sessions will be recognised by the GLA Housing & Land Directorate as having completed more in-depth training.

24/04/18

Increasing Housing Supply

Delegates will work into a road map and consider the actions needed to increase housing supply in their area; identifying a suitable site, setting objectives and considering the tools necessary for delivery.

07/06/18

Viability

Delegates will carry out a viability assessment; considering deliverables for a site including housing, communal space and local servicing allocation, as well as balancing expenditure, income and profit in a viability report.

26/06/18

Delivery Options

Delegates will be asked to draft a 'partnership' approach stating who needs to work with whom, and when each partner should be involved to unlock housing sites and deliver new homes for London.

05/07/18

Working With & For Communities

Delegates will devise an engagement strategy which will include setting their objectives, deciding on which communication tools to use and explaining how the engagement outcomes will inform the project.

06/11/18

Construction Options

Delegates will consider what construction option is best for their site, how the financing and investment industry can help support delivery, as well as drafting templates for good Construction Management Plans.

29/01/19

Different Homes, Different Places?

Delegates will consider how to deliver good growth in their borough over the next ten years by setting out the range of homes needed in the area and identifying what works best where.



Getting Homes Built





Transport & Streets

A series of seminars discussing topical issues and the challenges faced by all those involved in managing movement, transport and streets in the capital.

15/05/18

Safe Streets & Placemaking

Looking at how design and management can help achieve the Vision Zero approach and how we can provide more adaptable and aesthetic hostile vehicle measures in sensitive public spaces.

20/06/18

How To Help People Walk More

A look at what motivates people to walk and how design can motivate more walking in London everyday.

28/06/18

Ped-Cycle Shed: A Tool For Town Centres & Active Travel

To make the most of our town centres and transport interchanges, we need to better understand the walking and cycling zones that surround them; known as ped-cycle shed.

05/09/18

Designing With Nature

This seminar will look at how best to incorporate trees, plants and wildlife habitats into public realm schemes and how to nurture them after they are once completed.

10/10/18

Creating The Enjoyable Street

A look at the place qualities of our streets and what can be done to increase their appeal, interest and people's experience.

21/11/18

Buildings Frontage: Creating Good Neighbours

This session will explore the benefits of creating active street frontages and the design of the building interface with the public realm.

16/01/19

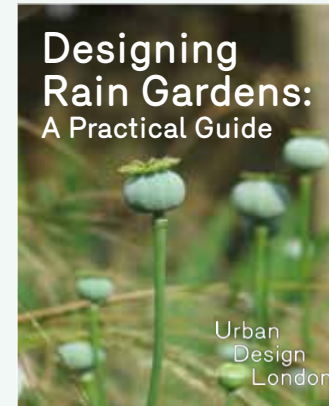
Cycling Review: How Are We Doing?

An overview of London's recent cycling revolution, what is happening now, and how our understanding of designing for cycling has developed through experience.

13/02/19

Modelling for all Modes

A fresh look at how we use models to inform schemes and how modelling for non vehicular traffic can be part of this process.



This sourcebook is a practical guide to designing and installing rain gardens in various urbanised environments.

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13/03/19

Cleaning London's Air

Looking at the impact and cost of air pollution and the potential solutions illustrated through projects supported by the Mayor's Air Quality Fund which includes Low Emission Neighbourhoods.

10/04/19

The London Van: Freight & Servicing

This session will consider the challenges in creating a more efficient freight and delivery service and the implications for street design.



Tech & The City

This series is dedicated to understanding the impact of innovation and technology on the built environment. Sessions will consider how current technological advances could help resolve public realm, housing, planning and transport issues.

17/05/18

Tech & Buildings

This seminar will explore how innovative technology can change how we design, construct and retrofit London's homes.

15/01/19

Tech & Planning

Looking at the way technology is supporting planning work; including, decision-making, project delivery and community engagement.

28/11/18

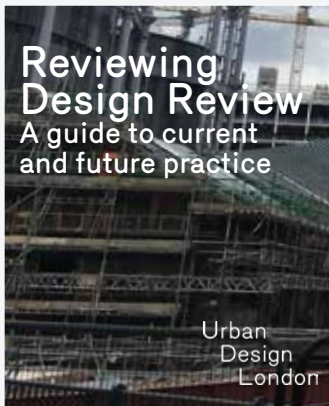
Tech & Transport

Looking at how technology is changing the way we access and use transport services, and the impact this can have on the physical nature of places.

06/03/19

Tech & Streets

How innovation can improve public space management and a look at the products and applications that can help us solve our streets' most pressing challenges.



This sourcebook features research about the current design review experience across London and what it could look like in the future.





Working with the Mayor's Transport Strategy



Working With The Mayor's Transport Strategy

Practical workshops to discuss and debate the aims of the Mayor's Transport Strategy (MTS). This series will look at real life activities and approaches that support the objectives in the MTS and identify where additional support is needed to deliver them.

The workshops will be place-specific using scenarios set in the Liveable Neighbourhoods Guidance. Each workshop will include expert speakers presenting current research, case studies and best practice pertaining to the Mayor's vision, objectives and policy including the Healthy Streets approach.

18/04/18 02/05/18 04/07/18

Liveable Neighbourhoods

As part of a 3-day workshop, these sessions will provide expert guidance and practical advice for boroughs and partner organisations aiming to submit bids to the Mayors 'Liveable Neighbourhoods'

23/01/19

Connecting Places

Delegates will propose ways to ensure strategic opportunities for movement are delivered alongside new growth, while supporting local connections to new public spaces, schools and community facilities.

12/09/18

Going For Growth

Delegates will create a plan for a former industrial site that will ensure that new public space supports the community and new land uses responds to the proposed Movement Network.

20/03/19

Suburban Renaissance

Delegates will develop a community-led plan for managing incremental development in a suburban area, to improve the health and wellbeing of local residents and reduce overall car dependency.

14/11/18

A Civic Square

Delegates will develop strategies for transforming a high-profile central London space to give it a new character and role in the city, and embrace the Mayor's Healthy Streets approach.





Network Meetings

Throughout the year we will host a range of sessions where people can catch up with colleagues and share ideas. We will decide on the topics of these sessions nearer the time to ensure they will be as topical, practical and interesting as ever.

Placemaking Network

A network for anyone interested in building and managing homes and places including; estate regeneration, local town centre transformation and delivering 'Liveable Neighbourhoods'.

26/04/18
02/10/18
06/02/19

Councillors Network

An opportunity for councillors to be briefed on new legislation, research, policy and funding situations, as well as hear about exemplar projects that illustrate who is doing, what where.

12/07/18
20/09/18
28/02/19

Design Review Network

An opportunity for those involved in running, using or providing advice on design review panels and other design tools to discuss best practice and emerging issues.

12/06/18
09/01/19

Young Practitioners Network

A network aimed at bringing together ambitious young people that are making waves in their respective areas of work; for professionals with less than 10 years of experience.

10/05/18
06/12/18

Engagement & Co-Design Network

A get-together for those involved in projects that interact with the public, whether through engagement exercises or getting people to design and build their own homes.

29/11/18
04/04/19

Site Visits

During the year we will visit exemplary housing as well as street and public realm projects. The locations will be decided nearer the time.

22/06/18
06/09/18
08/03/19
29/03/19