

Building for generations: the Hatfield Symposium

How we create new places and steward old ones
to be beautiful and durable, happy and healthy
Thursday 5th June 2025, Hatfield House



Agenda

9:30 Breakfast roundtable (by invitation).
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10:00 Tea and coffee

10:20 Film screening: premiere of "A Quiet Revolution" by Create Streets and The Aesthetic City

10:35 Welcome: Nicholas Boys Smith, Harry Briggs and Lord Salisbury

10:40 – 11:30 The international context: improving old places, beautiful new places and creating economic value

Stories from the UK and around the world about how we are starting to improve old cities and create new ones which nurture the soul, nourish the body and create economic value

Jim Brainard (former Mayor of Carmel, Indiana), Guy Courtois (Pour une Renaissance Urbaine), Dennis Pepke (Dresden Historical Society), George Saumarez Smith (Adam Architecture) and Mark Gregory (Professor of Business and Place Economics, University of Staffordshire)

Chair: Nicholas Boys Smith (Create Streets)

11:30 – 12:20 Making it happen: gentle density, masterplans, pattern books and design codes
(Supported by Brooks Murray Architects)

How pattern books and masterplans are constructed to build a local vernacular.

Anthony Downs (Gascoyne Estate), Philip Fry (CG Fry Builders), Doug Pullen (Leader, Lichfield District Council), George Payiatis (Create Streets) and Dr Victoria Hills (CEO, RTPi)

Chair: David Milner (Create Streets)

12:20 – 13:00 Fireside chat: does this agenda matter and why?

What happens next with this agenda and the new government? What should landowners, developers and local authorities do? Reflections on his time working on this agenda – what would he do differently?

Michael Gove (Editor, *Spectator* and former Secretary of State for Housing)

Chair: Nicholas Boys Smith (Create Streets)

13:00 – 13:30 Lunch with access to the Gardens. (Supported by CG Fry Builders)

13:30 – 14:30 Creating homes in Hatfield, walking tour

How to create beautiful homes and cost-effectively. Anthony Downs and members of the Gascoyne delivery team.

OR

13:30 – 14:30 Exploring Hatfield House

Guided tours of the Grade I listed house, built in 1611 by the 1st Earl of Salisbury and currently the home of the 7th Marquess and Marchioness of Salisbury

14:30 Tea Break

14:45 – 15:45 The legal, political and planning context

How to deliver beautiful and sustainable homes in the legal, political and planning context

Chris Curtis MP (Milton Keynes), Christopher Boyle KC (Landmark Chambers), Cllr Paul Harvey (Leader, Basingstoke Borough Council), Clare Mirfin (Partner, Pinsent Masons), Mary Parsons (Lovell Partnerships)

Chair: Dr Samuel Hughes (Create Streets)

15:45 Planting, public transport and (other) places: healthier places through the built environment

15:45 – 16:15 Planting

Dr Phil Askew (Director of Landscape, Peabody), Cllr Rezina Choudhury (Deputy Leader, Lambeth Council) and Billy Dasein (Chief Everything Officer, East Marsh United)

Chair: Eleanor Broad (Create Streets)

16:15 – 16:45 Public transport

Stephen Joseph OBE (Transport lecturer, University of Hertfordshire), Mark Brown (Amey Consulting), Charles Dunn (Director, Urbana) and Chris Williamson (President elect, RIBA)

Chair: David Milner (Create Streets)

16:45 – 17:15 (other) Places

John Simpson (John Simpson Architects) and Francis Terry (Francis Terry and Associates)

Chair: Robert Kwolek (Create Streets)

17:15 Conclusion: Nicholas Boys Smith, Robin Edwards and Lord Salisbury

17:30 Drinks in the garden. (Supported by Lightwood)

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