

Young Planners' Conference

11-12 October 2024

Cambridge

Handbook



Welcome to the Young Planners' Conference 2024

Welcome to the Young Planners'
Conference in Cambridge, where we will be discussing the topic of "Connecting Town and Country." We are excited to have you here in this historic city, known for its beautiful architecture and rich cultural scene. As we discuss urban and rural connectivity, we hope the city's charm will inspire new ideas and conversations with other Young Planners.

Cambridge is renowned for its academic excellence and intellectual heritage, providing an ideal setting for exploring the relationship between urban and rural areas. The city's iconic landmarks, such as the University of Cambridge's colleges, such as King's College and Trinity College, are

a symbol of enduring architectural beauty and scholarly tradition. These landmarks are a testament to the city's ability to blend historical significance with modern-day relevance, mirroring our connectivity theme.

A further unique aspect of Cambridge is its abundance of green spaces, including Jesus Green, Lammas Land and Stourbridge Common – some dating back over 1,000 years. In the summer, you're likely to spot a cow or two roaming around town, as some are still used for grazing. Also, the city is surrounded by a ring of Green Belt, in addition to encircling rural villages close to the city.

During the conference, we will explore this complex dynamic and intersection of balancing such growth versus resources, which



will be addressed through our speaker panels, breakout sessions and study tours centring on the planning and delivery of housing, innovation, connectivity, and natural resources, historic and natural environments, plus transport and infrastructure requirements.

There will be numerous opportunities for networking and socialising with Young Planners from all over the UK. We are incredibly grateful for the generous support of our conference sponsors, as well as the invaluable contributions of our panellists, breakout facilitators, and study tour leads.

It has been a pleasure working with the dedicated Young Planners East of England

Committee to organise this event, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to them for making this a fulfilling experience. We extend our gratitude to everyone at the RTPI, our sponsors, and speakers for dedicating their time and expertise to the event, and we sincerely hope that everyone will have a rewarding experience at this year's conference.

Please share your experience on social media using the hashtag #YPConf2024 and connect with other <u>Young Planners on the LinkedIn group.</u>

With best wishes,
Errin Marshall MRTPI

Young Planners East of England Conference Chair



Getting to know Cambridge



Innovation

Cambridge is known for its cutting-edge research and technological advancements, particularly in computer science and biotechnology. The city is home to the Cambridge Science Park, which has fostered numerous groundbreaking discoveries and startups, including developing the first commercial DNA sequencing service. Other innovation landmarks include the Cavendish Laboratory, known for its pioneering work in physics, and the Wellcome Genome Campus, a hub for genomics and biodata research.

Education

Cambridge's reputation as a centre of academic excellence is due primarily to the University of Cambridge, founded in 1209 and is one of the world's oldest and most prestigious universities. The university has produced numerous Nobel Prize winners, world-renowned scholars, and influential figures across various fields. Notable landmarks include the University of Cambridge's colleges, such as King's College, Trinity College, and St. John's College, which are known for their stunning architecture and historical significance.

History

Cambridge's rich history is evident in its architecture, including the stunning King's College Chapel, a prime example of English Gothic architecture. The city's historical significance is also reflected in landmarks such as the Round Church, which dates back to the 12th century, and the Fitzwilliam Museum, housing a vast collection of art and antiquities. The Cambridge University Botanic Garden, established in 1831, is another notable landmark where visitors can explore various plants and landscapes.



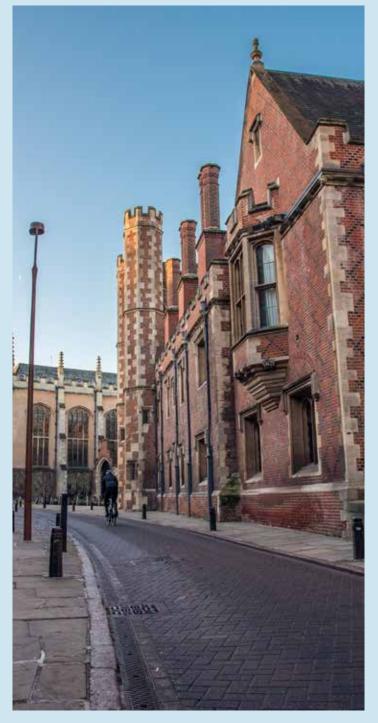


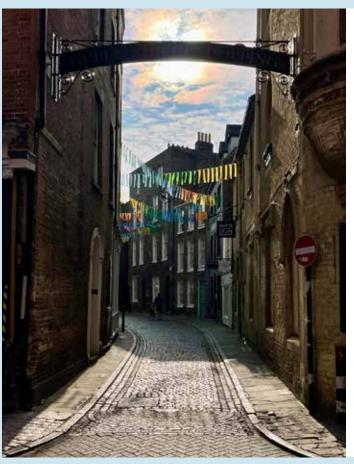
Culture

From the world-class art at the Fitzwilliam Museum to the global celebration of music at the Cambridge Folk Festival, the city offers something for everyone. The Cambridge Corn Exchange is a popular music and arts venue, and the Cambridge Arts Theatre is known for its diverse theatrical productions.

Architecture

Cambridge's architecture is a defining feature of the city, a testament to its timeless charm and appeal. The picturesque colleges, such as Trinity College and St. John's College, showcase stunning examples of architectural design spanning several centuries. The city's iconic bridges, such as the Mathematical Bridge and charming cobbled streets, evoke wonder and admiration. Other landmarks include the Bridge of Sighs at St John's College, often compared to its namesake in Venice, and the Wren Library at Trinity College, housing rare books and manuscripts.







Getting around Cambridge

The Hilton City Centre is a 20-minute walk from the train station. The city's main attractions are within easy walking distance of the centre, so most visitors to Cambridge can explore the city on foot. Cambridge is one of the best cycling cities in the UK with over 80 miles of cycle lanes and routes.

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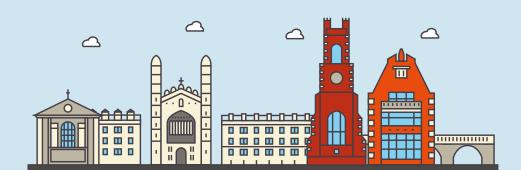
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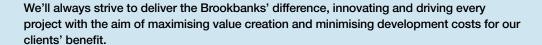


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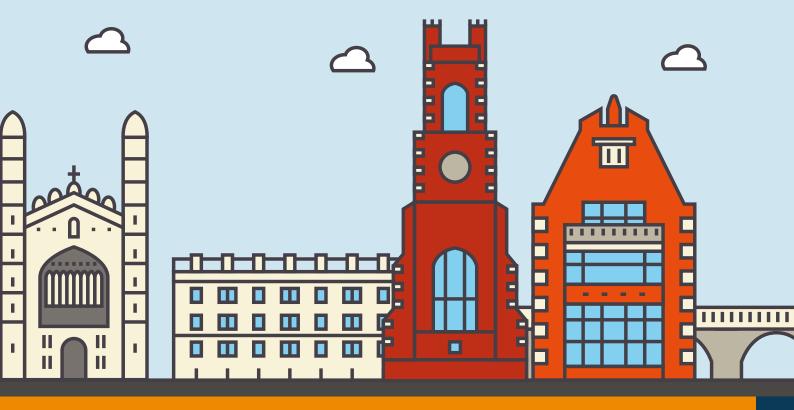
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Friday 11 October 2024

9.00 am Registration

9.30 am Welcome address

Lindsey Richards FRTPI - RTPI President 2024

Melissa Murphy KC - Barrister, Landmark Chambers

Errin Marshall - Chair, RTPI East of England Young Planners Committee

10.10 am Welcome and keynote speech

Stephen Kelly - Director of Planning and Economic Development, Greater Cambridge Shared Planning

10.30 am Growth and the Historic Environment

This panel session examines the possible tensions between growth and historic preservation. How can we balance new development whilst retaining a sense of place, and respecting the setting and significance of our historic buildings?

Tim Murphy - Historic Environment Manager, Place Services
Cllr Katie Thornburrow - Councillor, Cambridge Council
Daniele Haynes - Associate Heritage Consultant, Bidwells
Katharine Elliot - Barrister, Landmark Chambers

Chairs:

Katie Fowler - RTPI East of England Young Planner Vice Chair Errin Marshall - RTPI East of England Young Planner Chair

11.30 am Break

12.00 pm Growth and the Natural Environment

This panel session examines the possible tensions between growth and the preservation of the natural environment. How can we better connect our rural and urban areas and provide the infrastructure our growing population needs?

John Cornell - Natural Environment Team Leader, Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Services

Mark Hodgson - Director, Savills

Professor Tom Holbrook - Director, 5th Studio

Alex Shattock - Barrister, Landmark Chambers

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1.00 pm Lunch

2.00 pm Breakout sessions

Delegates can choose one of the following sessions.

BREAKOUT 1

Sustainable Tourism and Rural Economies

England's tourism sector contributes £106 billion to the British economy and supports 2.6 million jobs. It brings many benefits – but also causes issues of overcrowding, litter and pollution. How can we attract visitors beyond a few honeypot destinations to lesser-known places?

Maria Manion - Chief Executive, Cambridge BID

Rob Pearce - Head of Parks Consultancy, Nene Park Trust

Chair: Asif Ali - Senior Planning Officer, Peterborough City Council

BREAKOUT 2

Development in the Countryside and Green Belt

The Green Belt is a highly emotive and often misunderstood designation that affects large parts of the Eastern region and beyond. How can we successfully release land from within the Green Belt in a way that promotes sustainable development and addresses misconceptions?

Sam Hollingworth - Associate Partner, Creres

Matthew Hare - Planning Director, Axis Land Partnerships

Andrea Pearson - Senior Planning Policy Officer, Brentwood Borough Council

Chair: Emily Grapes - Planning Consultant, Carter Jonas

BREAKOUT 3

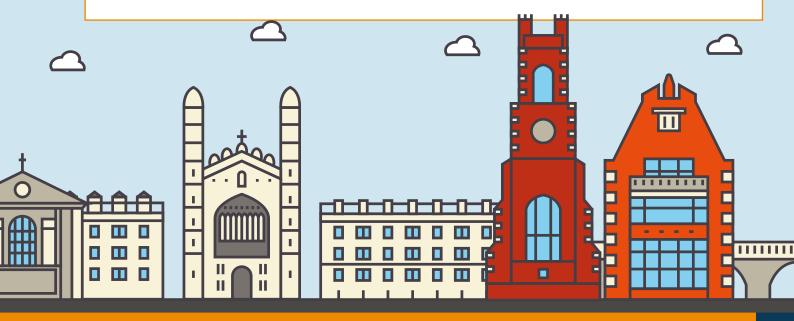
Local Nature Recovery Strategies

Local Nature Recovery Strategies have the potential to play a key part in responding to the nature crisis and identifying off-site provision of biodiversity net gain at a regional level. Find out more about their relationship to planning.

Helena Taylor - Local Nature Recovery Coordinator, Essex County Council

Gabriella Yeomans - Local Nature Recovery Strategy Officer, Cambridgeshire County Council

Chair: Bethany Jones - Principal Planning Policy Officer, Colchester City Council



BREAKOUT 4

Importance of Clusters to the Life Science Sector and the Changing Dynamic between City and Campus

In this breakout session, Bidwells will explore the evolution of life sciences in Cambridge, the power of clusters, and the crucial role of thoughtfully designed urban spaces in shaping the future of innovation and attracting the best talent in a global market.

Guy Kaddish - Partner, Planning, Bidwells

Mark Callendar - Research Partner, Bidwells

Philippa Kally - Strategic Sites Manager Greater Camb

Philippa Kelly - Strategic Sites Manager, Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service

Edward Crooks - Architect, Hawkins Brown

Chair: Sophia Nitschke - Planner, Bidwells LLP

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BREAKOUT 5

Urban Design and Placemaking

This breakout session will focus on the "subjectivity" that surrounds urban design and will explore how design can be made less subjective through tools such as design guides and codes.

Maggie Baddeley – Co-Vice chair, Essex Quality Review Panel
Chris King - Design Champion and Specialist Services Manager, East Suffolk Council

Chair: Katie Fowler - RTPI East of England Young Planner Vice Chair



3.15 pm Study Tours

Delegates will have a choice of five tours on the following topics.

1. CB1 and the Regeneration of Cambridge Station

Once dominated by outdated industrial parks and offices, CB1 has been revitalized into Cambridge's premier business hub, now home to global giants like Microsoft and Amazon. Through this redevelopment, Bidwells will highlight the strategies and challenges involved in turning a historically industrial space into a thriving centre for innovation and commerce.

Alan Barrett - Brookgate Alison Wright - Bidwells

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2. Cambridge's Historic Centre

Cambridge has 67 Grade I listed buildings and an extensive number of conservation areas. This walking tour of the historic city centre seeks to understand how development balances sustainable growth whilst maintaining the historic significance of the city.

Charlotte Bailey - Turley
Sophie Pain - Turley
Colin Moses - MCW Architects

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3. Eddington: North West Cambridge

Eddington is a vibrant and sustainable mixed-use community developed by the University as a mixture of key-worker and market housing dwellings, along with a new town centre. It is designed not just as a place to live, but for the community to thrive.

Jonathan Brookes - Greater Cambridge Shared Planning

4. Cambridge Biomedical Campus

Cambridge Biomedical Campus is one of Europe's most important research clusters transforming the city into a global hub for life sciences, which employs over 20,000 people.

Ed Watson - Cambridge Biomedical Campus Ltd Richard Oakley - No.6 Developments

5. Cambridge's Cycle Infrastructure

Cambridge is the cycling capital of the UK, with one in three residents cycling to work. Join us on a tour of new cycle infrastructure to hear how the city has achieved this modal shift.

Paul van de Bulk - Greater Cambridge Partnership Jonathan Camp - Greater Cambridge Partnership

6.30 pm Gala Dinner

This year's gala dinner is taking place at the Graduate Hotel.

This ticketed event is an evening of dinner, drinks and entertainment that will be hosted at this elegant riverside venue in the historic heart of Cambridge city centre.

Drinks sponsored by Axis Land Partnerships



Saturday 12 October 2024

9.15 am Refreshments

10.00 am Law Update

39 Essex Chambers will bring attendees up to speed with the most recent and impactful legal decisions.

Stephanie David - Barrister, 39 Essex Chambers

11.00 am Break

11.15 am Planning In the first 100 Days

At 99 days after the formation of the new Labour Government, we will look back at the reforms made to the planning system so far, and what further changes we may come to expect.

Rachael Ferry-Jones - Principal Consultant, Planning Advisory Service Colin Brown - Planning Consultant, Carter Jonas

Chair: Asif Ali - Senior Planning Officer, Peterborough City Council

12.15 pm Lunch and breakout sessions 4 and 5

1.15 pm Lunch and breakout sessions 1,2 and 3

Please note - Lunch will take place in the restaurant and will be split between two sittings.

The breakout you are assigned to will determine which lunch sitting you attend.



Breakout Sessions

Delegates can choose one of the following sessions:

BREAKOUT 1

How do we deliver affordable housing?

This roundtable discussion with contributions from experts in rural housing, policy, council housebuilding, and homelessness, will ask delegates a simple question: how do we deliver affordable housing?

Peter Canavan - Partner, Carter Jonas
Paul Morrish - Chief Executive, LandAid
Lewis Herbert - Manager, Allia Future Homes

Chair: Emily Grapes - Planning Consultant, Carter Jonas

BREAKOUT 2

Creating Landscape Led Developments

In this breakout session, Place Services will explore how landscape led developments can be delivered to achieve a more efficient use of land, whilst enhancing biodiversity net gain and creating healthy places.

Peter Dawson - Built Environment Manager, Place Services

Chairs:

Katie Fowler - RTPI East of England Young Planner Vice Chair Errin Marshall - RTPI East of England Young Planner Chair

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BREAKOUT 3

Connectivity and Infrastructure

Lack of infrastructure is often the loudest public objection to development. This session will explore how developments can present opportunities and unlock barriers to ensure greater coverage and connectivity through some of the largest infrastructure projects in the East of England.

Charlotte Mitchell - Chief Planning Officer, National Grid Kevin Roeton - National Grid

Chair: Errin Marshall - RTPI East of England Young Planner Chair

BREAKOUT 4

Collaborative Planning: Revolutionising the Planning Service

This breakout session looks at how we can create effective working partnerships between the public and private sector. Discussing how we can deliver planning differently, what barriers we face and how these can be overcome?

Jim Newton - Service Director, Peterborough City Council Nicky Parsons - Executive Director, Pegasus Daniel Fryd - Director, Luminate

Chair: Genny Middlemast - Land Planner, Persimmon Homes Essex

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BREAKOUT 5

Connecting people and place in a rural-urban context

Urban&Civic, the UK's leading Master Developer, will lead a discussion on how to connect new developments into their contexts, considering social integration, well-being and legacy. What lessons can be learnt from Urban&Civic's experience at Waterbeach and Alconbury?

Rebecca Britton - Regional Director Communities, Urban&Civic Mike Jenner MRTPI - Development Manager, Urban&Civic

Chair: John Mason - Planning Consultant, Carter Jonas

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2.15 pm Right Development in the Right Place

This session focuses on the big question: how can we achieve the right development in the right place? Our speakers will delve into some of the key challenges and solutions covered over the previous two days.

Andy Moffat - Director / Head of Department, Planning, Savills

David Ames - Town Planning Lecturer, University of Hertfordshire

Emma Goodings - Director of Place, Brentwood and Rochford Councils

Chairs:

Bethany Jones - Principal Planning Policy Officer, Colchester City Council Jade Barrett - Graduate Planner, Savills

3.00 pm Closing remarks by RTPI President 2024 and Young Planners' Conference 2025 handover

3.15 pm Event close



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Strategic Planning

This recent research revealed overwhelming support for effective strategic planning in England across the public and private sectors, with 96% of planners agreeing that a change to current practice is needed.



Beginners' Guide to Planning Enforcement

A guide aimed at those who are new to Planning Enforcement.



Planning Enforcement Handbook for England

The guide for planning enforcement officers in England was update in April 2024 for the package of enforcement measures included in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 that came into force on 25 April 2024.



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