

London Summit 2025

13 February 2025

Programme

9.30	Arrivals check-in and refreshments				
10.00	Welcome by Past Co-chair Karen Daye				
Morning 10:10-11:20	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MHCLG - 'Doing Planning Differently' – Plenary 1</u></p> <p>In the wake of recent and significant planning reform, the digitalisation of planning is, no longer a 'nice to do' and more of a 'need to do!' Milan will share an overview of what 'Doing Planning Differently' means in practice. Those organisations who are at the early stages of planning their digitalisation journey or are yet to embark on it will hear what MHCLG's Digital Planning programme all about, what support is available for those LPAs just getting started with digitalisation, and how's it going for those who are further along in their journey with real-life stories of transformation in action.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Speaker</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Milan Bogunovic</u> Digital Planning Programme Director MHCLG</p>				
Break 11:20-11:40					
Mid-morning 11:45-13:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>How do we make 'Digital' Business as Usual? – Plenary 2</u></p> <p>In this session, the panel of speakers from leading LPAs and digital tech organisations will consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How would they influence a new government seeking to digitise the planning system? • How the industry can make the shift so that digital technology can be business as usual in the planning system? • Their experience in accelerating the adoption and deployment of digital planning in practice. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Speakers</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><u>Nikki Webber</u> Digital Planning Team Lead City of London</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><u>Fraser Trickett</u> Client Partner Made Tech Ltd</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p><u>Nissa Shahid</u> Digital Town Planning Associate Director Arup</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p><u>Peter Kemp</u> Head of Change and Delivery GLA</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Juliet Seymour</u> Head of Policy, Building Control and the Historic Environment Southwark Council</p>	<p><u>Nikki Webber</u> Digital Planning Team Lead City of London</p>	<p><u>Fraser Trickett</u> Client Partner Made Tech Ltd</p>	<p><u>Nissa Shahid</u> Digital Town Planning Associate Director Arup</p>	<p><u>Peter Kemp</u> Head of Change and Delivery GLA</p>
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Lunch 13:00-14:00

<p>Afternoon Breakouts 14:00-15:10</p>	<p>Plan Making/Data – Capita</p> <p>Dan Bulmer will share insights from creating digital design codes and how these lessons can aid the digitisation of various planning documents, including user-friendly, accessible digital local plans that engage a broader audience. As a digital-first urban designer, Dan has collaborated with Local Planning Authorities on some of the UK’s first digital codes, including the Trafford Design Code, through the government’s design code pathfinder programme. His approach demonstrates how Local Authorities can save time and money by avoiding the conversion of traditional PDFs into interactive, accessible digital formats. Dan aims to offer valuable guidance for Authorities looking to digitize their local plans or other planning documents.</p> <p><u>Speaker</u></p> <p>Dan Balmer <i>Director of Place Services and Digital Planning – Capita</i></p>	<p>Decision Making – VU.CITY</p> <p>Unlock smarter decision-making in urban planning with VU.CITY’s 3D Smart City platform. This interactive session will demonstrate how the platform helps planners make informed decisions by visualising site constraints, assessing development opportunities, and optimising planning applications. You’ll gain hands-on experience using 3D tools to create accurate massings, set immersive camera views, and export 360-degree visuals, all designed to provide clearer insights and reduce uncertainty during the planning process.</p> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <p>Anna Mackay <i>Account Manager – VU.City</i></p> <p>Christopher Wandel <i>Account Manager – VU.City</i></p> <p>Ruairí Browne <i>Sales Development Representative – VU.City</i></p>	<p>Consultation and Engagement – Common Place</p> <p>Mike from Common Place will talk about how digital tools and approaches are being used in consultation and engagement, including the use of AI, data and the integration of digital and in-person engagement. He will reference examples from the Commonplace platform including local planning and master planning, explore how some of the data collected on the platform can inform understanding of communities, and point towards what the future might hold in this area.</p> <p><u>Speaker</u></p> <p>Mike Saunders <i>CEO and founder Commonplace Biography</i></p>
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Break 15:10-15:30

<p>Afternoon Session 15:30-16:30</p>	<p>Transforming Planning: 20 Years of Digital Innovation with the Planning Portal</p> <p>In this session, the Planning Portal team will share insights gained over the past 20 years of transforming planning processes, with a focus on digitising planning and building control applications. Their KeyChain platform facilitates the submission of over 95% of all planning applications. This success has been achieved through partnerships with local authorities, professional agents, and homeowners, helping streamline operations and enhance efficiency. The team has also led efforts to adopt data standards for better integration with back-office systems in planning departments. Committed to reducing invalidation, increasing efficiency,</p>
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and improving the quality of applications, they assist organisations in modernising workflows and paving the way for a more digital future.

Speaker

Scott Alford
Head of Business Development
Planning Portal

16:45-20:30

Summit Drinks Reception

