

# The Liveability Project: Managing the Space Between Buildings to Improve Local Environments

A one-day conference examining how the Government's objective of greener, safer, sustainable communities can be achieved

12th October 2004

Lewis Media Centre, Millbank Tower, London

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## Speakers

- **Garry Colligan** Design Director **Terry Farrell and Partners**
- **Barry Winfield** Managing Director **Broadgate Estates**
- **Councillor Daniel Moylan** Deputy Leader **The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea**
- **Julia Thrift** Director **CABE Space**
- **Tom Franklin** Director **Living Streets**
- **David Barrie** Director **The Castleford Project** and Executive Producer **Talkback UK**
- **Barbara Welch** Project Manager **MACE**
- **David Blackwood Murray** Chairman **Lovejoy**
- **Dr Jake Desyllas** Partner **Intelligent Space Partnership**
- **Stephen Ashworth** Chairman **The Circle Initiative** and Partner **Denton Wilde Sapte**
- **David Curtis** Head of Development Services **Sheffield City Council**
- **Chair: Martin Bacon** Managing Director **Ashford Future Partnership**



## Space between buildings

The Government wants to achieve greener, safer, sustainable communities, to make local environments more 'liveable'. This will only be achieved by improving the management of the space between buildings. The quality of life for all of us depends on the quality such spaces.

This one-day conference will:

- Examine all spaces between buildings however owned.
- Concentrate on the management of all spaces (and design with management in mind) rather than just best practice schemes;
- Focus on the planning, legal and tax changes that will help to improve the space between buildings;
- Attract a cross-specialist audience of local authorities, urban designers, architects, developers, retailers, landowners, campaigners, transport interests, academics and others.

## Key issues to be discussed

- Why is the space between buildings important?
- The Government's programme for making spaces cleaner, safety and greener
- What difference does the ownership of space between buildings make?
- The significance of space between buildings for developers and property managers
- The key role of partnerships and the input of local people
- Design with maintenance in mind, execution and aftercare
- Crime prevention through environmental design for public space
- Improving planning and development control policies
- Implications of the 'compensation culture' and safety first policies
- What can better policies do to improve walkability?
- Business Improvement Districts, management initiatives and fiscal measures
- The importance of green open spaces for regeneration projects

## Who should attend?

- Urban designers and planners
- Local authorities
- Passenger Transport Executives (PTEs) and TfL
- Property developers
- Master planners
- Retailers
- Landowners
- Property managers and consultants
- Architects
- Civil engineers
- ODPM, DfT, DTI, HM Treasury and Government Offices for the Regions
- Regional assemblies
- Regional Development Agencies (RDAs)
- English Partnerships and regeneration companies (New East Manchester, Liverpool Vision and Sheffield One)
- Transport operators and Network Rail
- Business Improvement Districts (BIDs)
- Urban planning, land use and transport consultants
- Environmental, walking and cycling groups
- Freight interest groups
- Planning and transport lawyers
- Academics

# The Liveability Project Between Buildings to Improve

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0845 Registration and coffee

0930 Chairman's opening remarks

**Martin Bacon** Managing Director **Ashford Future Partnership**

0940 **Keynote address**

**The Government's programme for making places cleaner, safer and greener**

**A Government Minister has been invited**

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1000 Questions and discussion

### Section 1 - Why is the space between buildings important?

1015 **Space between buildings: a wider perspective**

- Different types of space
- What difference does ownership make?
- Creating living places
- The importance of leaving a legacy
- Examples from various countries

**Garry Colligan** Design Director **Terry Farrell and Partners**

1035 **The significance of space between buildings for developers and property managers**

- Why developers and property managers are prepared to invest in schemes to improve the space between buildings
- The significance of the developer/ manager owning all the land
- What commercial return do such schemes provide?
- Management and maintenance issues

**Barry Winfield** Managing Director **Broadgate Estates**

1055 **The importance of public spaces the regeneration of Castleford in West Yorkshire**

- What is the Castleford Project?
- Creative direction and delivery
- The difference that the process is making to the regeneration of the spaces between buildings
- Effective, open and democratic community involvement

**David Barrie** Director **The Castleford Project** and Executive Producer **Talkback UK** and **Barbara Welch** Project Manager **MACE**

1115 Discussion involving the speakers and the chairman

1125 Questions from the floor and discussion

1145 Morning coffee

### Section 2 - Design of space between buildings with maintenance and crime prevention in mind

1205 **Design with maintenance in mind**

- Designing the space between buildings: key principles
- The importance and significance of ownership
- Design with maintenance in mind, execution and aftercare
- Good practice examples

**David Blackwood Murray** Chairman **Lovejoy**

1225 **Living places or gated communities?**

- Crime prevention through environmental design for public space
- How can public spaces be kept open and yet kept safe?
- 'Natural surveillance': reducing the management overhead on public space by safer design
- Street crime and public space: the issues

**Dr Jake Desyllas** Partner **Intelligent Space Partnership**

1245 Discussion involving the speakers and the chairman

# Topic: Managing the Space to Improve Local Environments

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1255 Questions from the floor and discussion

1315 Lunch

## Section 3 – Improving planning and development control policies

### 1415 What can be done and why isn't it done more often? The story of Kensington High Street

- The Kensington High Street Enhancement Scheme
- The obstacles: the implications of the culture of safety first and compensation avoidance
- How the obstacles were overcome
- The policy changes that are needed to make such schemes easier to do

**Councillor Daniel Moylan** Deputy Leader **The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea**

### 1435 Improving the space between buildings: the CABE perspective

- CABE Space's Manifesto for Better Public Spaces
- Implications of a 'compensation culture'
- Green space strategies
- An integrated public realm

**Julia Thrift** Director **CABE Space**

### 1455 What can better planning, development control and maintenance policies do to improve walkability?

- Walkability and the space between buildings
- Roads versus Living Streets
- How should planning and development control policies, and the delivery of these policies, change?
- Improving maintenance of streets and public spaces and why it is not just a matter of money

**Tom Franklin** Director **Living Streets**

1515 Discussion involving the speakers and the chairman

1525 Questions from the floor and discussion

1545 Afternoon tea

## Section 4 – Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), management initiatives and regeneration

### 1605 Business Improvement Districts, best practice management initiatives and new fiscal measures

- What institutional structure is best to manage and maintain the space between buildings?
- Providing businesses with a stake in the upkeep of such space through Business Improvement Districts
- Good practice management initiatives
- What tax and fiscal changes would make a difference?

**Stephen Ashworth** Chairman **The Circle Initiative** and Partner **Denton Wilde Sapte**

### 1625 Regenerating Central Riverside in Sheffield: the importance and funding of green open spaces

- The objectives of the regeneration of Central Riverside
- The plans for green open spaces and why these plans are central
- How can the project in general, and the open green spaces in particular, be financed?
- Working in partnership with the private sector

**David Curtis** Head of Development Services **Sheffield City Council**

1645 Discussion involving the speakers and the chairman

1655 Questions from the floor and discussion

1710 Chairman's closing remarks

1715 Close of conference

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