



2009 Convention Plenary Debate

Planning in a Changing Political Climate

Moderator: **Kevin Murray**

Bob Neill MP

Shadow Minister, Communities & Local Government

David Aaronovich

Author, Broadcaster and Journalist

Lord Richard Best OBE

President, Local Government Association

Marni Cappe

Vice President, Canadian Institute of Planners

The motion

This House believes

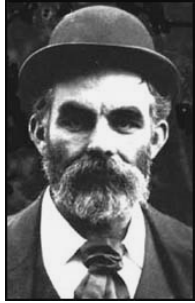
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John Burns MP

President Local Government Board

1909 Planning, Housing, etc Act

*...to secure the home healthy, the
house beautiful, the town pleasant,
the city dignified and the suburbs
salubrious*



Patrick Geddes

Professor of Botany, Dundee University

Functional city regions
Survey-analysis approach

...by leaves we live

...planner more than administrator



Aneurin Bevan MP

Minister of Health

1947 Town and Country
Planning Act

*...a good thing for all of us to live in
communities as mixed as possible*



Sir Patrick Abercrombie

Professor Civic Design, Liverpool

Decentralisation, New Towns
Greater London Plan
Clyde Valley Plan

...now we must rebuild



Michael Heseltine MP

Secretary of State for Environment

Regeneration

Urban Development Corporations

Council house sales

*...planning authorities should not
impose tastes on developers*



Francis Tibbalds

Architect-planner

RTPI President 1988

Urban Design Group

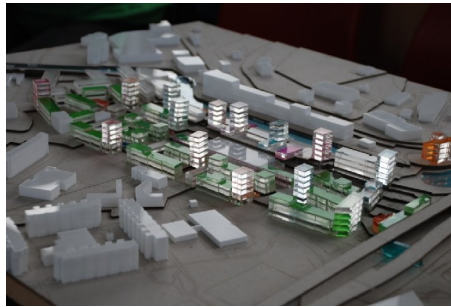
....mind the gaps

....place matters most

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Format

- ▶ Initial views of audience
- ▶ Two Proposers 13 minutes each (warning on 11 minutes)
- ▶ Two Seconders 12 minutes each (warning on 10 minutes)
- ▶ Open floor debate 15-20 minutes
- ▶ Summary response (Proposers) 1.5 minutes each
- ▶ Floor vote on motion

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- ▶ Initial vote now
- ▶ **All those for the motion**
- ▶ **All those against the motion**

The Teams

For the Motion

- ▶ Bob Neill MP
- ▶ David Aaronovich

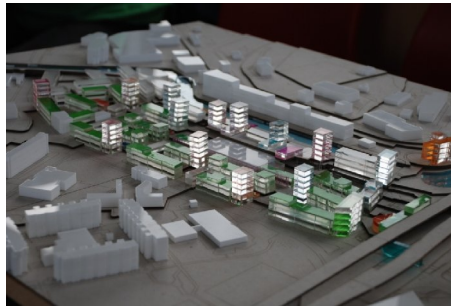
Against the Motion

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- ▶ Marni Cappe

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mediation of space · making of place

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