

RTPI West Midlands Urban Design Forum

Events 2007

Forum Sessions:

The RTPI Urban Design Forum for the West Midlands meets four times each year.

January 2007: The Forum began 2007 with the AGM held at MADE's offices in Birmingham, kindly hosted by Julie Morgan who was Chair 2006/2007. Elections were held and Chris Jones of Sandwell MBC moved from Vice-Chair to Chair for 2007/2008, and Hannah Barter of Urban Vision North Staffordshire was elected as the new Vice-Chair.

May 2007: The year's second Forum meeting was hosted by Peter Chan and Coventry City Council. The Forum held a short meeting followed by a tour of the City Centre public realm improvements, including the Phoenix project.





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September 2007: An event entitled 'Excellence in social housing design' with a regional perspective formed our Urban Design Week event. At previous meetings the Forum had expressed a desire to test current or built housing schemes in the West Midlands against the Building for Life criteria.

This housing event was a very successful urban design week full day conference with 52 delegates in attendance. It also provided an excellent opportunity to raise the profile of the Forum in the West Midlands arena.

This formed the afternoon workshops with schemes submitted by forum members for examination. The morning session included guided tours of mixed tenure housing schemes in Birmingham. The forum was



December 2007: The Forum visited Portland College, Mansfield, which had recently been awarded the CABI 'Inclusive Design Award' 2007 with guest speaker Alan Hall, College Principal, giving a guided tour of the building and grounds.

