



## Planning for a successful future

The Royal Town Planning Institute calls on the next government to create an inclusive, economically successful and resilient society after Brexit with jobs, homes and infrastructure where they are needed through planning.

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### Promote fairness and equity by:

1. Incentivising cooperation between local authorities so that land for development is made available on the right scale and in the right locations – close to jobs, services, public transport and amenities.
2. Giving local authorities the power to capture the uplift in land value that follows when land is earmarked for development, allowing the benefits of growth to be reinvested into high quality affordable housing and infrastructure for communities.

*Planning is a positive force that delivers better and more inclusive places, providing people with jobs, opportunities, security, health and wellbeing.*

### Represent and engage communities by:

3. Devolving spending powers from central government so that city and county-regions have the tools to create economic growth and invest in affordable housing and infrastructure and that allows decisions to be made closer to where people live.
4. Increasing transparency in the land market, so local authorities and communities can see who owns the land needed to grow.

*Planning puts community needs and aspirations at the heart of the process, through democratic representation to enable local voices to be heard.*

### How do we make this happen?

Government must implement measures to support the next generation of planners, through education, apprenticeships and research and secure a continuing supply of built environment professionals. By valuing and investing in local planning departments the next government can create the conditions for future growth and productivity. Government must ensure that the UK maintains its international reputation for high skills and professional standards - a valuable export opportunity.

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*NB: Planning is a devolved function of UK Nations, and the proposals set out in this document relate almost entirely to England.*

### Conserve and enhance our heritage and environment by:

5. Tackling dangerous air pollution and promoting energy efficiency by investing in public transport, walking and cycling.
6. Ensuring our built heritage is conserved through investing in sensitive re-purposing for current and future needs.

*Planning supports the responsible use of land by ensuring that development is in the right places, while conserving our heritage and enhancing the environment.*

### Meet the needs of current and future generations by:

7. Developing an industrial strategy to empower local areas to deliver growth and jobs that includes a mission to deliver one million homes, as well as a mission to make all buildings zero carbon.
8. Implementing rigorous plans to deliver on our international commitments, including the Sustainable Development Goals and climate obligations. Maintaining high environmental standards and strong leadership on climate change after we leave the European Union.

*Planning increases resilience to long-term challenges such as rapid urbanisation, climate change, demographic change and resource limits.*



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# About the RTPI

The Royal Town Planning Institute champions the power of planning in creating prosperous places and vibrant communities. We represent over 24,000 members worldwide, supporting them throughout their careers. We shape planning policy, raise professional standards and are the only body in the UK to confer Chartered status to planners, the highest professional qualification.

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- Where should we build new homes?*
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- Planning for the Growth of Tech*

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- RTPI Survey: What people want from their communities*
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- Linking Spatial Planning with Community Planning*

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- The Location of Development*
- Capturing the Wider Benefits of Transport Investment*
- Better Planning: Smart City-Regions*
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