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# Urban Design Network Conference

Design Solutions to the Housing Crisis  
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## Programme

**10.00 am**      **Welcome**

**Vicky Payne** - Chair, Urban Design Network

**10.15 am**      **Building on Britain's "Road Belt"**

David is Deputy Director at Create Streets. He has a MEng from Oxford and was a pilot in the RAF before discovering a passion for creating sustainable places. He will be talking us through their recent report "Building on Britain's 'Road Belt'" which explored the housing capacity that might be unlocked by deprioritising road space.

**David Milner** - Deputy Director, Create Streets

**Chair: Colin Bannon** - Vice Chair, Urban Design Network

**10.25 am**      **Audience Q&A**

**10.45 am**      **Opportunities for new settlements**

As Director of Communities and FJ Osborn Fellow Katy oversees TCPA's work on new and renewed communities and leads on the TCPA's campaigns and promotion of garden city principles in policy, legislation, education, and the arts. Katy will talk us through the opportunities and challenges afforded by delivering new housing at scale through the creation of new places.

**Katy Lock** - Director – Communities (FJ Osborn Fellow)

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**10.55 am**      **Audience Q&A**

**11.15 am**      **Break**

**11.30 am**      **Urban densification**

Jas is a qualified Architect, Town Planner and Urban Designer with over 17 years of experience in regenerative masterplanning,



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strategic urbanism, and housing design at all scales. He will be exploring how additional housing can be delivered by increasing density in suburban areas.

**Jas Bhalla** - Principal, Jas Bhalla Architects

**Chair: Colin Bannon** - Vice Chair, Urban Design Network

**11.40 am**      **Audience Q&A**

**12.00 pm**      **Retrofit at Scale**

Helene is Associate Director at Arup and their Retrofit at Scale Taskforce Leader, confronting the complex system challenge of retrofitting UK building stock at scale to meet net zero commitments. She will be talking about the challenges and opportunities of retrofitting at scale.

**Helene Gosden** - Associate Director, Arup

**Chair: Colin Bannon** - Vice Chair, Urban Design Network

**12.10 pm**      **Audience Q&A**

**12.30 pm**      **Panel Discussion**

Attendees will have an opportunity to reflect on what they have learned, pose further questions, and discuss the opportunities and challenges afforded by the different approaches to housing delivery.

**12.55 pm**      **Event Close**