

The RIBA at the Liberal Democrat party Autumn conference

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Monday 15 September 13.00

RIBA in the Urban Hub:

The Built Environment: Can the State Design Happiness?

Clifton Suite, Hermitage Hotel.

Richard Younger Ross MP, Shadow Minister for Culture
Lembit Opik MP, Shadow Minister for Housing
Catherine Fieschi, Senior Associate, Demos
Angela Grately, Chief Executive, Sainsbury Centre for
Mental Health
Sunand Prasad, President, RIBA

Monday 15 September 18.00

RIBA and CPRE in the Climate Clinic:

Eco-towns: Green Solution or White Elephant?

Climate Clinic, Punshon House.

Dan Rogerson MP, Shadow Minister for Communities
Dermot Finch, Director, Centre for Cities
Sunand Prasad, President, RIBA
Adam Sampson, Chief Executive, Shelter
Shaun Spiers, Chief Executive, CPRE

Tuesday 16 September 18.30

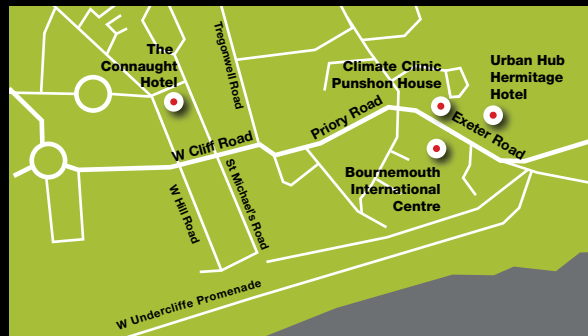
ICE and RIBA:

Security and Resilience: defending our built environment

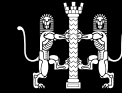
Connaught One room, Connaught Hotel

Chris Huhne MP, Shadow Home Secretary
Mike Tuffrey AM, Leader of the GLA Liberal Democrat Group
Stephen Hadrill, Director General, ABI
Sunand Prasad, President, RIBA
Paul Jowitt, Vice President, ICE

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“ We spend an average of **20 hours per day inside buildings** and the quality of the built environment around us has been proven to have **dramatic effects on our happiness, health** and **how our children perform** in school.

So surely we can do better? ”

Buildings Matter



■■■ **Adelaide Wharf, London.** Winner, Housing Design Awards 2008. Architect - Allford Hall Monaghan Morris ©Tim Crocker



■■■ **Manchester Civil Justice Centre.** RIBA National Awards 2008 and shortlisted for RIBA Stirling Prize, in association with The Architects' Journal. Architects - Denton Corker Marshall. © Tim Griffith



■■■ **Chimney Pot Park, Manchester.** RIBA Northwest Award 2008 and shortlisted for RIBA Stirling Prize, in association with The Architects' Journal. Architects - Shed KM with Urban Splash © Morley Von Sternberg

The RIBA wants to see a revolution in attitudes towards architecture in the UK. We want to see policymakers and politicians not just accept that good design is vital but actively promote it.

“ Buildings matter; they impact upon every part of our lives. ”

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- We spend an average of 20 hours per day inside buildings
- Well designed hospitals can reduce patient treatment times by up to 21%
- Better designed schools result in higher exam marks and pupil motivation
- Buildings account for 45% of the UK's total CO2 emissions
- Over 2.1 million people work in the UK built environment sector

To see the Housing Design Award 2008 winners visit www.designforhomes.org/hda

Greening all our buildings

To reduce the UK's carbon emissions significantly we have to get serious about improving existing buildings.

We want to see:

- An end to VAT on the refurbishment of existing buildings.
- Grants and fiscal incentives to improve energy efficiency.
- A better deal for people who generate their own electricity.

Better schools and hospitals

Too many newly built hospitals and schools are badly designed and will not be suitable for future learning or healthcare.

We want to see:

- **World-class Schools and Hospitals.** Good design needs to be at the heart of public buildings. By spending more time and money up-front working out what is actually needed we can save upwards of £1 million per school and reduce the time for procurement by 6 months.

Better homes and communities
People who live in well-designed and attractive homes are more satisfied, healthier and more likely to feel pride in their area. Their

homes last longer and are cheaper to heat and light. Yet new homes in the UK are not only amongst the smallest in Europe, but many of them are poorly designed.

We want to see:

- **Higher quality housing through the use of more Local Design Review Panels.** These are run by local authorities, consisting of independent architects, landscape designers and planners which review planning proposals so that only the best designed are built.

Better homes and communities

Homes funded by government must meet minimum space standards, design quality indicators, and achieve Level 3 of the Code for Sustainable Homes. Yet private sector housing does not.

We want to see similar minimum space, design and environmental standards apply to all new homes, whether they be privately or publicly funded.



Architecture is political – because architecture has a real impact on us all. This year's party conference is an opportunity to debate these issues:

Eco-towns: green solution or white elephant?

Eco-towns have been heralded as new towns designed to meet the highest standards of sustainability. The RIBA believes that eco-towns, if done well, are an opportunity to explore ideas and learn so that we can make all of our towns and cities eco-friendly. They cannot become a 'rubber stamp' for schemes that otherwise wouldn't and shouldn't get through the planning process. Fundamentally they should be places where people actually want to live.

The Built Environment: Can the state design happiness?

Being in a relationship, having a garden and believing in a God are all thought to make people happy. But what about the spaces where we work, live and play? Well-designed buildings ensure that we are healthier, have a better quality of life, suffer from less crime, get on better with our neighbours and feel safer.

Policy makers need to think about building design and the people who are using them when thinking about housing, schools, healthcare, universities, prisons and most importantly when thinking about our communities. The costs are too great to ignore.

Security and resilience: defending our built environment

Terrorist attacks on our buildings and cities as well as extreme events such as flooding mean that we increasingly need to think about how to protect people and the buildings we use.

Architects, developers and local authorities need to be aware of the risks so that where appropriate they can design creative security measures. We need to avoid designing in unnecessary responses to perceived threats as a way of dispelling fears of the public but instead through well conceived, appropriate adaptations where needed. We are calling for strong guidance and better research into the risks to buildings from terrorism and flooding to inform how buildings and spaces are designed.

■ **Rostron Brow, Stockport.** Winner, HDA Awards 2008. Architects - TADW Architects

■ **Oxley Woods, Milton Keynes,** Winner, HDA Awards 2008. Architects - Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners

■ **Bourbon Lane, London W12,** Winner, HDA Awards 2008 and RIBA London Award. Architects - Cartwright Pickard Architects



■ ■ ■ **Westminster Academy, London** - shortlisted for Stirling Prize 2008 and winner of RIBA London Building of the Year. Architects - Allford Hall Monaghan Morris © Tim Soar

■ ■ ■ **The Castleford Footbridge** - shortlisted for Stirling Prize 2008 and PM's Better Public Buildings Award 2008. Architects - McDowell+Benedetti © Tim Soar

The RIBA at the Conservative party Autumn conference

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Monday 29 September 17.45

RIBA in the Urban Hub:

The Built Environment: Can the State Design Happiness?

Meeting Room 2&3, Urban Hub at the City Inn, Brindley Place.

Ed Vaizey MP, Shadow Minister for the Arts

Sir Terry Farrell

Nic Marks, Founder, NEF centre for well-being

Ben Page, Managing Director, Ipsos MORI

Ruth Reed, President Elect, RIBA

Tuesday 30 September 12.45

RIBA and CPRE in the Climate Clinic:

Eco-towns: Green Solution or White Elephant?

1 Regency Wharf (Adjacent to Hyatt Hotel)

Jacqui Lait MP Shadow Minister for Planning

Ollr Paul Bettison, LGA

Grant Shapps MP, Shadow Minister for Housing

Ruth Reed, President Elect, RIBA

Shaun Spiers, Chief Executive, CPRE

Chris Trott, Director, Arup

Tuesday 30 September 18.00

ICE and RIBA:

Security and Resilience: defending our built environment

Room 106, Jury's Inn, Broad Street

Roger Evans AM, London Assembly

Tim Chapman, Chair, ICE Best Practice Panel

Ruth Reed, President Elect, RIBA

Martin Tolman, Emergency Planning Manager,

Birmingham City Council

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The RIBA at the Labour party Autumn conference

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Monday 22 September 17.45

RIBA in the Urban Hub:

The Built Environment: Can the State Design Happiness?

Manchester Suite, IoD Hub, Peter House, St. Peter's Square.

Iain Wright MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, DCLG,

Tom Bloxham, Chair, Urban Splash

Hugh Pearman, Sunday Times and RIBA Journal

Sunand Prasad, President, RIBA

Tuesday 23 September 12.45

RIBA and CPRE in the Climate Clinic:

Eco-towns: Green Solution or White Elephant?

The Cube, 113 - 115 Portland Street.

Iain Wright MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, DCLG;

Sir Terry Farrell

Jonathan Glancey, The Guardian

Sunand Prasad, President, RIBA

Neil Sinden, Policy Director, CPRE

Tuesday 23 September 18.00

ICE and RIBA:

Security and Resilience: defending our built environment

Banqueting Room of Manchester Town Hall.

Rt Hon Keith Vaz MP, Chair of the Home Affairs Select Committee

Murad Qureshi AM

Richard Coackley, Vice-President, ICE

Stephen Hadrill, Director General, ABI

Sunand Prasad, President, RIBA

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