



Carfree Communities – The Challenges for Ecotowns and Healthy Cities

One Day Conference – 20 May 2008

Venue: Bristol Marriott Royal Hotel, College Green, Bristol

Keynote Speaker: Rosie Winterton, Minister of State for Transport

Introduction

Carfree neighbourhoods have been appearing across several European countries in recent years, but 'carfree housing' in the UK has all been small in scale, so far. The guidance for the Ecotowns programme is expected to change all that.

- What are carfree neighbourhoods?
- How do they work in other countries?
- What advantages and problems do they bring?
- Is the UK market ready for such innovations?

This conference, organised by Carfree UK and the University of the West of England is a must for anyone with an interest in the Ecotowns, urban regeneration or healthy cities.

Transport Minister Rosie Winterton will talk about the potential for transport innovation within the Ecotowns. Markus Heller, an architect from Berlin will describe the German experience of carfree developments, illustrated with examples from several cities (see www.autofrei-wohnen.de). Steve Melia of Carfree UK will relate this to U.K. conditions, drawing on his involvement with the Sherford development near Plymouth and his research into potential demand amongst home buyers. Anna Francis of Bioregional Consulting will set out the perspective of a UK developer already engaged in carfree and eco developments. Dr. Adrian Davis of JMP Consultants will talk about physical activity, health, and how carfree development can help improve both, and Peter Lipman of Sustrans will talk about their engagement with the Ecotowns programme, and the potential for modal shift towards walking and cycling.

Break-out sessions in the afternoon will address the European experience, the health agenda and the practical challenges for planners and developers, with opportunities to network and share experience.

A limited number of bursaries will be available for students and voluntary organisations on a first come first served basis.

Who is the conference for?

Practitioners and policymakers: developers, architects, urban designers, local authority, regional and private sector planners and transport planners, public health professionals, Government departments and agencies.

This conference may also be of interest to environmental organisations, academics and students.

Indicative Programme

9.30	Coffee and networking
10.00	Introduction Morning session chair: Prof. Hugh Barton, U.W.E. WHO Healthy Cities Centre
10.10	Carfree development – the European experience Markus Heller, German architect, World Carfree Network
10.50	Tapping the Potential of Transport Innovation Rosie Winterton, Minister of State for Transport
11.20	Why Carfree? Why Now? Steve Melia, Carfree U.K. and U.W.E. WHO Healthy Cities Centre
11.50	Does the Demand Exist in the UK? Loic Lopez, Carfree UK and Centre for Alternative Technology
12.20	Lunch and networking
1.20	Breakout sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physical Activity, Social Networks and Carfree Development (Dr. Adrian Davis and Prof. Hugh Barton)• Design Challenges (Conall Ó’Catháin, Queens University Belfast, and Steve Ward, Carfree UK)• Role of Car Clubs in Carfree Developments (Philip Igoe, Carplus)• Learning from the European Experience (Markus Heller and Steve Melia)
2.20	Tea break Afternoon session chair: Steve Ward, Carfree U.K. and U.W.E.’s Travel Planner
2.30	Developing Carfree Housing in the UK Anna Francis, Bioregional Consulting
3.00	Carfree Development and Healthy Cities Dr. Adrian Davis, Transport & Health Specialist, JMP Consultants
3.30	A Carfree Eco-Town? Peter Lipman, Director of Policy, Sustrans
4.00	Panel Discussion and final Questions
4.30	Closing Remarks

Fee

Delegate fee: £199.00

Voluntary organisations and students: £149.00

"Student standby": £50 - any places remaining one week before the conference date will be offered at this greatly reduced rate to students. A reserve list of interested students is being maintained. However, any student wishing to guarantee a place can book for £149.

Applications

Please return application form to: **Short Course Administrator, Faculty of Environment and Technology, University of the West of England, Coldharbour Lane, Frenchay, Bristol. BS16 1QY**
Tel: 0117 32 83210, Fax: 0117 32 82236, e.mail: sc.unit@uwe.ac.uk, or book online at www.built-environment.uwe.ac.uk/short - click on conferences

Application Form:

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