

## Nationally Elected Councillor

### AARON CHETWYND

- a. **Nominated by:** Jane Duncan, Richard Brindley, John Assael, Valeria Passetti, Anthony Clerici, Tzena James, Patrick Redmond,
- b. **Practice Address:** New Stables, Ingestre, ST18 0RE
- c. **Position:** Partner
- d. **Qualifications:** AA Dipl RIBA



### Election Statement:

I am an Architect running a small practice and I understand the frustration of many members. To this end I have been engaged with the RIBA for 8 years on a local and regional level, as President of the North Staffordshire Society of Architects in Stoke-on-Trent, Chair for West Midlands RIBA and involved with Nations and Regions at the RIBA.

I am enthusiastic and passionate about architecture and committed to ensure that the RIBA is a progressive member led institute working for all member architects. After qualifying I worked in South-East Asia and as an Art Director in the British Film industry. I have been a tutor at Nottingham University and Hooke Park.

If elected I aspire to concentrate all my efforts on the following issues:

- \* **MEMBERSHIP** - I would encourage the RIBA to support activity at grass roots level and ensure adequate resources are available to support the members across the regions.
- \* **CULTURAL OFFER** - We must strengthen our cultural offer by showcasing excellence in architecture and exhibiting our importance within the creative industries. We must support the City of Culture, next time in Coventry 2021, by hosting the Stirling Prize there alongside events to support and enhance architecture in our communities.
- \* **POLITICS** – I will campaign for the RIBA to influence the Government regarding Housing Policy and Planning law. It is our job to improve the quality of the built environment and show the Government the value of good design architecture.
- \* **PROFESSIONAL**- I want to create closer bonds with other professional bodies within the construction industry. We must work with and influence Planners RTPI, RICS Surveyors and Engineers ICE, IStructE, to strengthen professionalism and collaboration.
- \* **SUPPORT STRUCTURE** - We must strengthen our branch and regional office structure to support young architects and architecture students in periods of hardship, architects with childcare or retired, to retain their involvement we can offer reduced membership rates. These are important members and contribute to our cultural offer. The RIBA must be for the profession a progressive, inclusive and enjoyable institute to belong to.