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TCPA Roundtable Series in Response to the Conservative Party Green Paper on Planning

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| ● National and Regional Planning Structures | 16 March |
| ● Local Plans and Decision-Making | 17 March |
| ● Planning and People | 25 March |
| ● Housing Needs and Inclusive Design | 30 March |
| ● Guiding Principles of the Planning System | 31 March |

Held at the TCPA, 17 Carlton House Terrace, London



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When a major political party publishes ambitious proposals to alter radically how we plan Britain, there is clearly a need for change.

The Conservative Party Green Paper on planning represents a fundamental re-write of the English planning system, with major implications for communities, housing and commercial development, and climate change adaptation. The Green Paper advocates much greater collaborative democracy and a greater emphasis on localism. It proposes that national policy will be streamlined into a single national policy framework and that local decision-making will be transformed by radical changes to the discretionary nature of decision-making.

However, we believe that there is a significant prospect that some of the proposals, particularly (but not just) those concerning the future of regional planning, put Britain's fragile economic recovery at risk. They might also damage efforts in every community to provide a decent home for everyone and in the process undermine local efforts to adapt to climate change. These proposals require further consideration.

That is why, over the next month, the TCPA will be convening a series of five high-level thematic Roundtable debates to identify the essential reforms needed to improve planning. These will feature contributions from our members – drawn from the private sector, voluntary organisations, and public bodies. The objective is to provide an opportunity for the widest possible exchange of views about the merits of reform. Our proposals will focus on delivering practical changes that would improve both the efficiency and fairness of the planning process. The conclusions from these sessions will be offered to the new Government at our national conference, which will be held in London in early June 2010 (date to be confirmed).

Our Making Planning Work Roundtables will identify, in the words of our founder, Sir Ebenezer Howard, 'a peaceful path to real reform'.

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thematic roundtables

Roundtable 1: National and Regional Planning Structures

16 March, TCPA, London

- The Conservatives propose a national development framework – how would this look, and what would we want it to achieve?
- What are the clear and accountable strategic alternatives to regional plans?
- Do city-regions offer an alternative?
- How will sub-regional planning be delivered, and is there a role for the shire counties?
- Will the proposed duty ‘to co-operate’ ensure effective strategic planning between differing authorities, and could such a duty be enforced?

Roundtable 2: Local Plans and Decision-Making

17 March, TCPA, London

- How will the Conservative proposals for ‘open source planning’ structures work in practice?
- Are the principles underpinning the current Local Development Framework system the right ones, and could the process of preparing LDFs be improved?
- How will Local Plans differ from LDFs?
- How would the Conservative policy commitment to make illegal other material considerations affect the discretionary nature of English planning?

Roundtable 3: Planning and People

25 March, TCPA, London

- What will the collaborative democracy model actually mean for people on the ground?
- Will the proposed new British Bill of Rights reflect the important Human Rights of fair hearing?
- How will a Third Party Right of Appeal work in practice?

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thematic roundtables

Roundtable 4: Housing Needs and Inclusive Design

30 March, TCPA, London

- Do the Conservative proposals recognise demographic change and social housing needs?
- Do the proposals recognise the needs of an ageing population and the wider requirements of lifetime homes and neighbourhoods?
- Is there an opportunity to embed requirements on equality?

Roundtable 5: Guiding Principles of the Planning System

31 March, TCPA, London

- Do the Conservative proposals properly represent the values of sustainable development?
- How can the imperative to mitigate and adapt to climate change be fully recognised in the planning policy?
- How can social justice and equality be fully reflected in the new planning regime?

About the Roundtables:

- The five Roundtables will take place at 17 Carlton House Terrace and will be chaired by TCPA Chief Executive Kate Henderson, or TCPA Chair Lee Shostak.
- The events all take place in the morning – 09:30am for 10:00am start, finishing at 13:00pm, with an optional networking lunch.
- Speakers will be drawn from the public, private and third sectors, including from the TCPA Corporate Fellowship.
- The series of Roundtables is free of charge to TCPA members. Non-members will be liable to a fee of £100 plus VAT per event.

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booking form – tcpa members

The Roundtables are FREE for TCPA members; £100 + VAT for non-members.

Places are limited to 25 people at each session and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

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booking form – non-members

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- **we have achieved:** greener cities, new towns and better homes
- **we create:** ideas, knowledge, publications, campaigns, and independent policies
- **we aim to:** secure homes, empower communities, and deliver a sustainable future
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