

*The cross-sector
network for key
organisations engaged
in spatial planning*



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Evaluate | Explore | Exchange

2020 Vision

Proposition

Planning in a post-COVID world needs to be very different to be able to respond to post COVID challenges and opportunities, e.g. support and boost the economy, respond to new ways of working and travelling, create places that work for the new normal and address health and wellbeing.

Ask

We are asking organisations from each of the five sectors we embrace, to set out the changes they consider are necessary to respond to the challenges and opportunities we face.

We encourage organisations to think holistically and both inside and outside their own 'box'. Our interest is in cross-sector working and finding practical, implementable solutions that might:

- Be within the current planning system
- Require changes to the current planning system
- Operate outside the land use planning system altogether.

We are particularly interested in ideas that help to deliver simultaneously on some of the issues facing the planning and development sectors, such as the climate emergency, biodiversity crisis, air quality issues, housing crisis (including the crisis of affordability), social cohesion and so on, as well as responding to COVID-related issues, or that help to resolve any real or perceived conflicts between these objectives.

Deliverables

Organisations are asked to provide their submission to secretary@natplanforum.org by Friday 31 July.

Each submission should be no more than 1,000 words long, define the challenges and opportunities and provide a clear set of recommendations which can be delivered by the Forum's cross sector approach.

The responses will be published in full under the banner of the Forum during September 2020 with all submissions attributed to their authors. The Forum will organise the publication as well as a Forum event dedicated to receiving the collated submissions and discussing the recommendations.

Organisations approached for submissions

Business Sector:

Association of Town and City Management
British Chambers of Commerce
British Property Federation
British Retail Consortium
Country Land and Business Association
Home Builders Federation
National Farmers Union
National Federation of Builders
Historic Houses Association

Government Agency Sector:

Historic England
Homes England
Natural England

Local Government Sector:

Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport
District Council Network
County Council Network
Planning Advisory Service
Planning Officers Society

Professions Sector:

Association of Consultant Architects
BAME in Property
Chartered Institute of Housing
Institution of Civil Engineers
Chartered Institution of Highways and Transport
Institute of Historic Building Conservation
Landscape Institute
Planning Out
Royal Institute of British Architects
Royal Town Planning Institute
Women in Planning

Third Sector:

Academy of Urbanism
Civic Voice
Client Earth
Create Streets
CPRE
Design Council
Friends of the Earth
Locality
Place Alliance
RSPB
The National Trust
The Woodland Trust
Theatres Trust
Town and Country Planning Association
Urban Design Group

The National Planning Forum

The National Planning Forum brings together organisations representing those working in planning, in business, local government, the professions, the third sector and planners in government, to explore both agreement and difference across the sectors in developing a “fit for purpose” spatial planning system. It is not a consultative body, because its individual members are themselves consultees, advocates and lobbyists; and, although it has on occasions advocated particular positions, its principle role is to foster and explore cross-sectoral experience and issues.

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