

Realising the Economic Potential of the Wider South East, 25 October 2019

Summary biographies

MORNING SPEAKERS

Professor John Denham

John Denham is a founding member and director of the Southern Policy Centre. The SPC is the only independent think-tank and policy forum for central southern England and has undertaken work on devolution, local government, poverty, rural futures, housing, higher education and young people's issues. He is also a visiting professor at the University of Southampton where he is Director of the Centre for English Identity and Politics. As Labour MP for Southampton Itchen (1992–2015), he held several ministerial offices in the 1997–2010 government and was a chair of the Home Affairs Select Committee. He served in the Cabinet from 2007 to 2010 including a period as Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

Christopher Tunnell

Chris leads the overall Arup Planning business in the UK comprising over 300 staff. As an economist and planner, he has wide ranging experience multi-disciplinary strategic projects, business planning, financial assessment, forecasting and appraisal of transport and master planning projects. He was almost continuously involved in undertaking government sponsored planning and policy research up to 2010. He has recently completed a secondment to Mid Sussex District Council as interim Chief Planner and Head of Economic Development where he led their local plan work through examination. At LPAC in the mid 1990s he supported formation of the Thames Gateway London Partnership and the Lee Valley Partnership.

Dame Kate Barker

Kate Barker chaired the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Economic Review. She is now a member of the National Infrastructure Commission and of the Industrial Strategy Council. She serves as a non-executive director of Taylor Wimpey plc and of Man Group plc. She was a member of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) from 2001 until May 2010. During this period, she led two major policy reviews for Government, on housing supply and on land use planning.

AFTERNOON SPEAKERS

Tom Wright

Tom Wright is President and CEO of Regional Plan Association (RPA), a private, non-profit corporation working to improve the quality of life of the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut metropolitan region. As President, Tom led the production of RPA's landmark Fourth Regional Plan, released in 2017. Tom is a frequent speaker on economic growth and development, transit investment, good governance and other public policy issues. Prior to joining RPA, Tom was deputy executive director of the New Jersey Office of State Planning. He is a visiting lecturer at the Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation.

Catriona Riddell

Catriona is a chartered town planner with extensive experience working within and with local authorities and their partners. In 2011, Catriona established her own company which provides support on a wide range of planning issues but specialises in strategic planning, with a strong emphasis on partnership working. Previous roles include Head of Strategic Planning at Surrey County Council and Director of Planning at the South East England Regional Assembly. Catriona is the Strategic Planning Specialist for the Planning Officers' Society (POS), Vice-Chair of the Town and Country Planning Association (TCPA) and a regular columnist for Planning Magazine.

Hilary Chipping

Hilary is Chief Executive of the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP), where she oversees the £265m programme of investment through the Local Growth Fund and the development of the Local Industrial Strategy. She works closely with LEP and local authority colleagues across the Oxford to Cambridge Arc and with central Government and private sector partners to enable the delivery of infrastructure to unlock economic and housing growth. She was previously Director of the Milton Keynes South Midlands Growth Area (2008-2011), Director of Network Strategy at the Highways Agency (2001-2007), and an economist at the Department of the Environment working initially on housing and then, from 1984, local government finance.

Rupert Clubb

Rupert is the chief officer lead for Transport for the South East. He chairs the Senior Office Group leading the organisation's development and supports the Chairman and Board. He is also the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport at East Sussex County Council. A former president of the Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport, Rupert is a Chartered Civil Engineer and Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers and the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation.

CHAIRS

Alexander Jan

Alex is Arup's Chief Economist and a director of Arup's Integrated City Planning group. He has led much of Arup's work on infrastructure plans for the GLA, including iterations of the 2050 infrastructure plan quantifying how much infrastructure and housing might be required, its costs and how shortfalls could be paid for. Alex was also an independent advisor to the Mayor's infrastructure delivery board. One of his London Borough roles was as a commissioner on Waltham Forest's independent economic commission. He has led work several studies on Crossrail, including on its pre-opening impacts on property prices across London and the South East. He is an (occasional) participant in Design South East's review panels and earlier this year became chair of the Bee Midtown BID.

Duncan Bowie

Duncan Bowie has extensive experience of spatial planning and housing strategy practice, having worked for the Mayor of London, the Association of London Government, the Housing Corporation, the London Docklands Development Corporation and the London

boroughs of Newham and Lambeth. He was senior lecturer in planning and housing at the University of Westminster (2010-2017). He has published widely, including three books on planning and housing. Duncan has convened the Highbury Group on Housing Delivery, a practitioner/academic policy forum for the last 11 years. He is a former member of the TCPA Policy Council, and is co-convenor of the London and Wider South East Strategic Planning Network.

SYMPOSIUM INITIATOR AND ORGANISER

Corinne Swain

Corinne is a former Head of Planning at Arup, and now an Arup Fellow. Her consultancy background is largely in strategic planning, policy research and major infrastructure projects. She has served on several government committees, and she chaired many examinations into draft regional strategies, including for the South East (2003-2007), and East (2009). Reflections from this era of English regional planning and future lessons are contained in her co-authored book. She was one of eight lead experts steering the UK Government's Future of Cities foresight project (2013-2016), and a member of the Mayor's Outer London Commission (until disbanded in June 2016). She is active in various professional bodies, including as co-convenor of the London and Wider South East Strategic Planning Network.

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