

# POS

Planning Officers Society

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026



Nottingham Council House

9-10 July 2026

## Thursday 9 July

### PLANNING REFORM, SYSTEM CHANGE AND LEADERSHIP

10.00 Registration and coffee

10.30 **Introduction and welcome**

Karen Shaw, POS President, and Head, Planning Strategy & Geographic Information, Nottingham City Council

10.45 **Keynote**

David Waterhouse, MHCLG

11.15 **Structural change: our changing landscape—what the new world of devolution and strategic planning means in practice**

Catriona Riddell, POS Strategic Planning Specialist and Director, Catriona Riddell & Associates

11.40 **Planning at scale in a new system**

Stephen Kelly MBE, Director of Planning, Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service

Coffee/tea

**Shaping planning services to deliver reform**

Rob Krzyszowski, Director of Planning & Building Standards, LB Haringey

12.30 **Panel discussion—moving from reform to real outcomes**

- David Waterhouse
- Catriona Riddell
- Stephen Kelly
- Rob Krzyszowski
- Imogen Hopkin, National Chair, Young POS and South Staffs Council
- Garreth Bruff, Planning Advisory Service

13.00 Buffet lunch

14.00 **Introduction to Nottingham—unlocking the ambition of our city through planning**

Sajeeda Rose, Chief Executive, Nottingham City Council

14.15 **Introduction to study tours**—Karen Shaw, POS President

14.30 **Choice of study tours**

**Tour A Waterside**

This tour will explore Nottingham's waterside residential developments, charting the City's long-term regeneration of former industrial land along the River Trent into a series of distinctive, sustainable neighbourhoods. Led by the City Council, in partnership with developers such as Igloo Regeneration, the area has already seen the delivery of high-quality, mixed-tenure housing at locations including Trent Basin, supported by new public realm, riverside walking and cycling routes, and a strong focus on low-carbon living, flood resilience and placemaking. A key recent milestone is the delivery of the new pedestrian and cycle bridge over the River Trent, which is transforming connectivity between communities on both banks and strengthening links to the city centre and the wider Waterside area.

### **Tour B Broadmarsh, The Green Heart and The Island Quarter**

This walking tour will visit two distinct but complementary city centre regeneration areas in Nottingham: Broad Marsh/The Green Heart and The Island Quarter, each illustrating different responses to complex urban challenges. Broad Marsh was formerly a large inward-focused shopping centre that dominated the southern edge of the city centre and acted as a physical and visual barrier between key destinations. Its clearance has created a once-in-a-generation opportunity to reshape this part of Nottingham. Progress to date includes demolition of the former shopping centre, delivery of the new Central Library, car park and bus station, and the creation of the Green Heart—a major new civic park and public realm that is re-connecting the city centre to the railway station and surrounding neighbourhoods. Separate from this, but strategically linked, the Island Quarter is a large mixed-use regeneration of a former industrial brownfield site, being brought forward to deliver new homes, employment space, cultural uses and enhanced pedestrian and cycle connectivity.

### **Tour C Digital planning and consultation tools**

This tour will showcase Nottingham City Council's and the University of Nottingham's collaborative digital planning tools, highlighting how advanced technology is being embedded into plan-making, development management and public engagement. The current suite includes a detailed 3D digital model of the City, a projected augmented relief model of the City Centre, high-resolution street-level capture and drone survey technology to create an accurate, immersive representation of Nottingham's urban form. These tools enable planners, councillors, developers and communities to better understand scale, massing, heritage context and cumulative impacts, supporting more informed and transparent decision-making. At present the technology is housed at the Central Library as part of a "City as Lab"/Urban Room, with plans underway to move into a new state-of-the-art City as Lab space that will further expand these capabilities. A showcase during the tour will provide insights into how digital innovation is being used to improve design quality, collaboration and engagement, and how other authorities might adopt similar approaches.

*(Please state choice of tour required on the application form)*

17.00 Tours conclude with drinks at the Pitcher and Piano

19.15 **Pre Dinner Drinks - Cleaver & Wake**

20.00 **Conference Dinner - Cleaver & Wake**

*(dress—smart casual)*

Announcement and presentation of the POS Emerging Planner of the Year Award 2026

Guest speaker: TBC

## Friday 10 July

### DELIVERY, INNOVATION AND THE WAY FORWARD

- 09.30 Registration and coffee
- 09.45 Welcome
- 09.50 **Keynote address—Can the new planning system really deliver large-scale growth?**  
James Scott, Group Director of Strategy & Planning, Urban & Civic
- 10.20 **How do we make development work in the real world?**  
Jackie Sadek, Chair, UK Innovation Corridor and Founder/Director, Urban Strategy
- 10.45 **Panel discussion**
- 11.15 Coffee
- 11.30 **Digital planning update**  
MHCLG
- 11.45 **Showcase—Digital innovations**  
Short presentations from a variety of providers and users
- 12.45 **Society Annual General Meeting and handover to 2026-27 President**
- 13.15 **Close of conference, grab a lunch and depart**

## FURTHER INFORMATION

### Conference sessions

All conference sessions will be held in the Nottingham Council House

### Overnight accommodation

The fee for all full residential places will include Thursday night accommodation at the Leonardo Hotel, Nottingham, which is very close to Nottingham Railway Station. **Any requests for additional accommodation on the Wednesday evening only should be made at the time of booking and will be invoiced by POS at £99.00 inclusive of VAT.**

# POS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026—BOOKING FORM

BOOKING TYPE	COST INCLUDING 20% VAT	INDICATE OPTION REQUIRED
Conference place (includes Conference Dinner)	£300.00	
Conference place for a young professional (under age of 35)	£156.00	
Conference Dinner only	£100.00	
Thurs or Fri morning only (inc buffet lunch) (please specify day)	£100.00	
Choice of study tour—A, B or C	Included for full places at Conference	

Organisation represented:

Delegate Name:

Job Title:

Email for joining instructions:

Any dietary requirements:

Address for invoicing purposes :

\* Please invoice for the total amount.

\* A purchase order will follow. Please invoice for the total amount on receipt.

\* Please delete as appropriate

Authorising signature:

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