

DATED THIS 27th DAY OF MAY 2020

CONCORDAT

**PROMOTION OF
COLLABORATION BETWEEN PLANNING PROFESSIONAL BODIES**

1. The following parties, namely,

PLANNING OFFICERS SOCIETY, And

ROYAL TOWN PLANNING INSTITUTE

have agreed to co-operate with the purpose of putting planning and planners centre stage of the built environment professions and ensuring that planning makes a major contribution to achieving sustainable development in ways that are fair and equitable and achieve the social, economic and environmental aspirations of the community.

2 Opportunities include:

- a. Promoting the importance of investing in planning and emphasising public awareness of the purpose of planning
- b. Promoting the planning profession in schools and universities as an exciting and rewarding career
- c. Exploring ways to increase and support chief planners in local authorities and promoting the skill set required for a chief planner
- d. Facilitating conversations between chief planners [and other chief officers/ colleagues] at the top table in local authorities
- e. Promoting the importance of planning enforcement

3. The Parties agree:

- a. that they will work together on formalising Heads of Planning Everywhere.
- b. that discussions will take place between Royal Town Planning Institute Education and the Planning Officers Society regarding the promotion of the planning profession in schools and universities as an exciting career
- c. to promote the launch of the refreshed NAPE enforcement handbook

- d. that any cost of participation in this Concordat shall be borne by each organization separately and without the expectation of reimbursement. This Concordat does not impose and will not impose any financial and legal obligations on the Parties.
- e. not to disclose any confidential information disclosed to each other, to any third parties and to use such information strictly for the purpose of planning and organizing the programmes.
- f. not to use the name of any Party for any other purpose whether in relation to advertisement or publicity without the prior written consent of that Party.
- g. that this Concordat is valid until 2025 unless extended by mutual agreement. Each party participating in this Concordat does so voluntarily and may terminate their involvement at any time upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party.
- h. that disputes between parties of this Concordat shall be settled amicably by means of negotiation in the spirit of friendship and partnership.

Signed by for and on behalf of
PLANNING OFFICERS SOCIETY



Name : Sarah Platts
Designation : President, Planning Officers Society

Signed by for and on behalf of
ROYAL TOWN PLANNING INSTITUTE



Name : Victoria Hills
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