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Building control shows planning how to provide service

Faced simultaneously with a Government review aiming to simplify planning procedures and the imposition of complex new application and validation protocols, building control suggests a better way.

An end to the waiting game for planning decisions

As we were preparing to go to press the Department issued a release under this headline.

Baroness Jo Valentine
Heathrow expansion- bringing colour to the debate

London deserves the debate to be more than just black and white.

A better not a bigger Heathrow

Tim Wacher calls for a better not a bigger Heathrow pending the building of a world-class airport in the Thames estuary.

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City upbeat despite the credit crunch

Clive Branson talked to Peter Bennett the City Surveyor, for Planning in London about the state of the development market.

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Spencer De Grey Considers what makes a city successful, memorable or an appealing place to live?

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Making sure live/work as a concept doesn't die.

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The RT Hon Nick Raynsford, MP for Greenwich & Woolwich

What are the prospects of meeting housing needs in London?

Housing delivery and sustainable communities

Duncan Bowie

Local community engagement in the planning system is important. However, we cannot waste the limited land resources we have.

The compact city

Terry Brown, GMW Architects

Following articles by Bryan Avery on Wilderness City and Spencer De Grey's Designing for London in the last issue, Terry Brown says humanity is opting for the urban life and cities are here to stay- it is our task to make them sustainable.

Civilised streets?

Edward Hobson, head of research and futures at CABE

Designing and managing spaces to be inclusive is both morally and legally the right thing to do. It is not an optional extra but a fundamental of a civilised society.

Surface access to London's airports

Geoff Copley, director at Faber Maunsell.

Kerry Bangle surface strategy manager for SG2, BAA.

Outlining the planning for a second runway at London Stanstead airport.

The rediscovery of city centres
John Letherland

The master planner needs to become the orchestrator of a whole range of creative talents to fully realize the complex nature of today's diverse mixed-use city centers.

WIMBY – Welcome into my back yard

Michelle Provoost demonstrates by example how to revive an area by using what's already there.

Householder planning appeals- easier, simpler and faster.

Ben Linscott

With 32 LPAs in London dealing with 1,500 householder appeals between them (2006/07) the timesaving potential for London authorities alone is immense.

To park or not to Park?

Karin Robmark

How much and where to provide parking in large-scale residential developments in controversial.

Garden grabbing in London

Suzanne Omsby, Francis Taylor Buildings

The new mayor's pledge to save suburban gardens from development follows a growing concern in London and nationwide.

Community Infrastructure Levy: More uncertainty

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Place of design in local development frameworks

Esther Kurland, director of urban design in London

Success on appeal

Tim Craine, director of London Research Development.

The "Appeals Comparables" report, published this month, presents an analysis of appeal decisions in schemes of 10 or more homes.

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Steve Quartermain the new chief planner at CLG

Plan-led or plan dead

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The road to renewal

John Letherland a partner with Farrell's

The slowdown in the economy is a good time to take stock and to reflect upon how our cities are evolving and adapting to changing economics and demographics.

Beyond live/work

Francis Holliss

Work homes will probably transform the UK city, town and village, while also helping to save the planet.

Accommodating diversity whilst meeting density targets

Alex Ely of MAE Architects

Alex Ely thinks the development of loose-fit typologies that can accommodate diversity whilst offering a collective identity may be the way forward.

Underground: London's hidden infrastructure

Andrew Scoones

The contribution of the underground infrastructure of the city is vital to its survival.

Model Homes for a modern city

Ben Derbyshire is managing director of HTA

Ben Derbyshire makes the case for privately financed affordable housing.

Over the edge: town centers and the London economy

Dr Nicholas Falk, director URBED

Many boroughs have placed town centers as a top priority for investment, but considerable efforts are needed to reverse the trends.

Compulsory purchase- lessons from Croydon Gateway

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Formulating a successful CPO strategy is likely to prove increasingly challenging in the current economic climate.

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Changed circumstances call for a new behaviours in planning

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Thames Gateway is a bit of a mystery.

The Gateway will not be immune from the recession. Let's refocus on the real places inside the Gateway, so that they can lead it out of recession says Dermot Finch, director, Center for Cities.

Greenwash

What makes a building last a long time is really quite simple. It needs to be robust and adaptable argues architect Robert Adam.

The new Mayor's housing strategy

The new Mayor is giving far too much emphasis to increasing home ownership just at a time when marginal home ownership is becoming less attractive believes Duncan Bowie

Stuart Robinson of CB Richard Ellis

The need for a rapid change in the culture of planning.

Planning authorities must respond to recession with pragmatism and a desire to deliver.

Watson & Crook

The more we plan, the less we achieve?

John Watson & Michael Cook planning partners at Cushmun & Wakefield's wonder if we can ever get a planning system that works.

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House Building

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House builders call emergency

Roger Humber speaks for the house builders when he calls for emergency measures to cut through planning, regulations and much else.

Mixed Communities

Nick Bailey and Tony Manzi

What future for mixed income communities?

It may be that fully integrated mixed tenure housing was a function of rising house values and escalating house prices; whether this strategy can be sustained through a recession remains to be seen.

Intermediate Housing

Marc Vlessing

Developing the intermediate market in London

One thing is certain given these chartered economic times- taking action in the intermediate housing market is imperative.

Parliament Square

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Parliament Square-masterpiece of public space

Tom Ball champions the need to appreciate the qualities of Parliament Square as it is, and objects to the waste of effort directed at pedestrianising a space, but isolated by traffic mismanagement.

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The value of subregions is that they can deliver consistent shared approaches, joining up systems to ensure more effective delivery.

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Peter Bauer
Peter Bauer is leading a community campaign for the restoration of the Euston Arch.
He made the case to Lorna Clark, Network Rail Community Relations.

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A severe and sustained threat.
Lord West delivered the keynote speech at the recent Association of Consultant
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Places vs. fortresses places: lessons from the past.
Designing London buildings with terror attacks in mind is a new concern for
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Jack Stafford argues that shop improvement schemes can be a valuable contribution
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Death knell for food store competition test.
Tesco's has succeeded in its best to overturn the competition commission's
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Are good manners enough?

An exhibition of 50 new buildings in Westminster revealed the impact of planning a where the focus of future effort might be.

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Developing in the downturn planning for the upturn.

Gideon Amos argues that now is not the time compromise on sustainability or on the ambition of a decent home in a good environment for all.

Barry Mundy

Facing up the recession in architecture.

The demand for homes not gone away but is temporarily on hold. Barry Mundy reviews options for architects and allied professionals.

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The credit crunch and housing in London.

Duncan Bowie considers the impact of recession and appropriate responses in the planning system.

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Stationary winding energy house on Camden incline.

Stephenson's remarkable winding vaults were listed grade II and BWCP Architects and Whitby & Bird engineers were appointed in 1989 to explore possible uses for these magnificent spaces. The Camden Railway Heritage Trust has now applied for the upgrade to grade II*. The secretary Peter Darley recounts their story.

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Expunged from history- London Docklands a forgotten wasteland.

Stuart Innes tells a story of the life & times of LDDC.

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Local development orders why not use the potential?

How can local planning authorities be encouraged to take up the opportunities offered by Local Development Orders (LDOs) to free up development from the need to obtain planning permission? Ask Alistair Donald, Michael Kohn and Riette Oosterhuizen.

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