



## AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

What a month! What a season! From conferences to exciting urban projects, we've been rather busy. Here's an autumn round up of what we've been up to and what we've got in the wings for you. [Do get in touch](#) if we can help you create or steward places to be beautiful, sustainable and popular.

## LABOUR LEADER PLEDGES TO BUILD BEAUTIFUL

An important announcement from Sir Keir Starmer at the Labour conference to create "beautiful cities and prosperous towns" with "gentle urban development emulating five-storey town houses built during the 18th and 19th centuries" and "planning passports to build on brownfield land if they meet the new design standards." It's great to see the case for de-risking planning, "Gentle Density" and the need for beautiful and popular development now widely accepted across the political spectrum. It certainly wasn't when we started Create Streets! Here is read Create Streets fellow Toby Lloyd's excellent [Times article](#) on why the speech is significant.

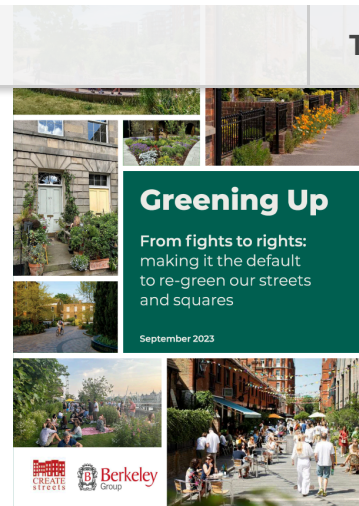


## THE REPORT EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT

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18 months research into why "Greening Up" is good for people, place and planet and into the unintended barriers that prevent it. Read the full report, order a hard copy or watch the launch [here](#). Also in [The Times](#), [The Guardian](#), [Building Design](#), [Country Life](#) and [Radio 4's Today Programme](#). If you run a council and would like to act NOW then try these ideas: [LGA Magazine](#).

Huge thanks to Berkeley Group. Now we all need to turn our proposals into action!



## BUILDING ON THE ROAD BELT: HIGH TIME FOR A ROAD DIET

Britain continues to widen urban roads even though it's provably bad for our people and prosperity. David Milner's important new report reveals how thousands of new homes could be built on space reclaimed from wide, fast, legacy highways that rip through towns and cities. Read [Moving Towards Growth](#), as well as coverage from [The Guardian](#) and [Dezeen](#).



We've currently got design code and masterplan projects under way in Sussex, Hertfordshire, Lichfield, Worcestershire, Somerset, Wiltshire, South London, Sunderland and Surrey. [Do please get in touch](#) if you think we can help.

## FIRST RESULTS VISIBLE IN SURREY

With our support, Surrey County Council launched their important "[Healthy Streets for Surrey](#)." online highways design code earlier this year. We are now helping train teams into how to use it. It's heartening to witness officers already harnessing the code improving projects more efficiently than before. Tangible changes can already be seen 'on the streets': improved pedestrian crossings, more street tree planting, upgraded cycling facilities, and more pedestrian-centric layouts.'



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Our first project on the Isle of Man! We are supporting a wonderful team gathering ideas to improve the town of Peel, with the help of our Create Communities online engagement tool. Even [BBC Isle of Man](#) is excited that we're involved. **Upgrade alert:** We can now overlay a masterplan onto a map to allow respondents to comment on specific on-plan features.

Could the Create Communities platform be useful on your project? Find out [here](#).



## CONFERENCE CORNER

We've run an unprecedented number of events over the last few weeks, including at both [Conservative](#) and [Labour](#) party conferences. Huge thanks to all our kind sponsors and expert speakers including the Housing Minister, Rachel Maclean MP, Sir John Hayes MP, Martina Lees from *The Times*, Jon Burke, Stafford Lancaster from Delancey, Karen Liebreich and three impressive council leaders (Cllr Bradley Thomas, Cllr Jane Scullion and Cllr Anthony Okereke).



## THE RESTITCH SUMMIT RETURNS

Following the success of [Restitch: The Social Fabric Summit 2022](#) in London and Halifax, Create Streets, [Onward](#) and [Labour Together](#) are thrilled to announce that [Restitch](#) will be returning in March 2024. This time we are taking Restitch to Coventry's remarkable Cathedral Quarter.

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## TRANSATLANTIC VISIT

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team over breakfast at Create Streets HQ. We were also joined by some brilliant developers, officials, architects and policy wonks. If you don't know the work of Strong Towns, do please have a look at their website. Here's a blog on our discussion: [Strong towns and Lego movies](#).



## URBAN DESIGN SUMMER SCHOOL 2024

Here's a quick trumpet toot toot to say that the Create Streets [summer school](#) 2024 is in the wings for the third week of July, in glorious Sherborne again. Keep your eyes peeled for registrations opening before Christmas as places are limited. Dates will be announced on our socials first so do follow us on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#).



## IN THE BLOG AND MEDIA AISLE

[Why should we build more Georgian terraces?](#)

Making the case for gentle density.

[How do we fall back in love with the future?](#)

Or how to make London's poor Euston station beautiful again.

[Street Fight: why we should fight for happy, healthy and beautiful places](#)

An annoyingly balanced response to "the war on motorists."

[Why every urbanist should take an extended cycling holiday](#)

A postcard from our guest blogger Zoe Chazen.

[A fork in the road for the city of Bath](#)

Mark Wilson Jones on the classical counter-proposal for the rugby stadium. The results of our survey are below.

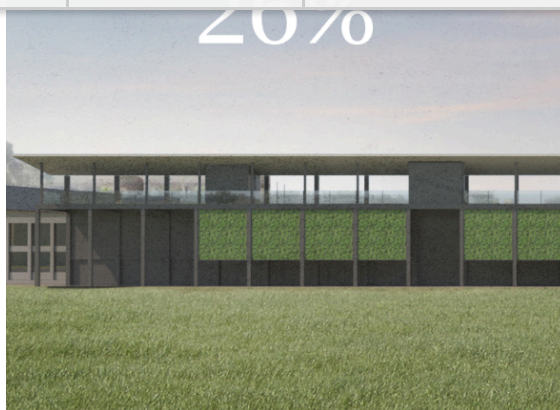
Here are two alternative design proposals for the new Bath Rugby stadium. All other things being equal, if you had to choose, which one of the following designs do you think would be more appropriate for a stadium at this location?



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## OFFICE FOR PLACE: JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Office for Place are currently hiring for a Head of Corporate Services and Chief Finance Officer to be based in Stoke from 1 April 2024.

Learn more and apply for the role here, [Head of Corporate Services and Chief Finance Officer, Office for Place - Civil Service Jobs - GOV.UK](#). The closing date is 12<sup>th</sup> November.

## CARD SEASON COMING UP



Order your cards in support of the Create Streets Foundation [here](#)







*And that's a wrap!  
Till next time and do stay in touch.*

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