



## making neighbourhoods green

Putting greenspace at the heart of social housing

18 May 2007  
9.30am - 4.30pm

Congress Centre  
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## Greenspace in social housing

Of all our urban landscapes, those of social housing estates are generally some of our worst. Their quality has declined dramatically since their creation, leaving many under-used, neglected or no-go areas where anti-social behaviour predominates. Accumulative disinvestment, weak regulations, a loss or absence of 'green' skills and the competition for car-parking are just some of the factors that have contributed to their decline.

Government is already addressing the poor quality of many of our parks and urban green spaces. New policies, programmes, guidance, standards, resources and incentives, are all beginning to improve them to make our towns and cities better places in which to live, work and play.



However, open spaces in social housing largely remain off the radar. These fragmented, amorphous spaces, lacking clear ownership, pose a tough challenge for social landlords. Additionally, residents of social housing are more than likely to live in areas of poor environmental quality. Through stock transfer and new development, registered social landlords are likely to become owners of more open space - an issue that demands attention.

**This conference will identify some of the core problems and key constraints that prevent social landlords from transforming their open spaces from liabilities into treasured community assets. It will look at the initial work of the Neighbourhoods Green project in analysing some of the areas of concern and where innovative solutions to these are being trialled.**

***Making neighbourhoods green* is aimed at housing and neighbourhood managers, resident liaison officers, community regeneration officers, play-workers, green space managers, and others working in social housing.**

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- 9.30 **Registration and coffee**
- 10.00 **Chair's welcome**  
Dickon Robinson - CABE Space
- 10.10 **Keynote speech**  
Stephen Howlett - Peabody Trust
- 10.20 **Neighbourhoods Green**  
Mathew Frith - Peabody Trust
- 11.00 **Keynote speech**  
DCLG representative - to be confirmed
- 11.15 **Coffee**
- 11.45 **Breakout Sessions**
- Playful estates**  
Tim Gill - Children's play consultant
- Viable spaces in estate regeneration**  
Sarah Harrison - PRP Project Services
- Resident engagement**  
Nic Durston - Groundwork London
- Involving young people**  
Heather David - Notting Hill Housing
- 1.00 **Lunch**

- 2.00 **Chair's welcome**  
Dickon Robinson - CABE Space
- 2.05 **Greenspace and mental well-being**  
Dr Marcus Roberts - MIND
- 2.30 **Breakout Sessions**
- Dumbed down spaces - here to stay?**  
Mathew Frith - Peabody Trust
- Raising management standards**  
Bob Ivison and Sid Sullivan  
- greenspace consultants
- The climate change challenge**  
Pete Massini - Natural England
- New lottery funding**  
Debbie Pippard - The Big Lottery
- 3.35 **Tea and doughnuts!**
- 4.05 **Resources - thinking outside the box**  
Graham Duxbury - Groundwork UK
- 4.25 **Taking Neighbourhoods Green forward**  
Mathew Frith - Peabody Trust
- 4.35 **Q&A and Chair's departing remarks**  
Dickon Robinson
- 5.00 **Close**



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Neighbourhoods Green is a partnership project led by Notting Hill Housing Group and Peabody Trust, highlighting the importance of green spaces in and around social housing. Through guidance, support and various tools, it aims to demonstrate the benefits of green spaces for residents of social housing and highlight ways and means of improving them to social landlords and their partners.



The project's key objectives are:

- To evaluate the status and profile of green spaces within social landlords in London;
- To prepare guidance, training and support to aid social landlords and residents in the design, management and safe use of their green spaces;
- To establish and support a network of champions and expertise within the social housing sector to strengthen internal capacity and understanding;
- To advocate for appropriate policies, incentives and resources to enhance green space quality under social housing ownership.

Neighbourhoods Green is supported by CABE Space, Natural England, Groundwork London and a number of social landlords. These include Circle Anglia, Family Mosaic, Gallions, Hyde, Kush, Metropolitan, Newlon, Places for People and Southern.

# Booking your place

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Job title \_\_\_\_\_

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Dietary or access requirements \_\_\_\_\_

Breakout sessions	Morning Session 11.45-1.00	Afternoon Session 2.30-3.35
	Playful estates <input type="checkbox"/>	Dumbed down spaces - here to stay? <input type="checkbox"/>
	Viable spaces in estate regeneration <input type="checkbox"/>	Raising management standards <input type="checkbox"/>
	Resident engagement <input type="checkbox"/>	The climate change challenge <input type="checkbox"/>
	Involving young people <input type="checkbox"/>	New Lottery funding <input type="checkbox"/>

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