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Ziona Strelitz Director ZZA Responsive User Environments

Social Anthropologist, Town Planner and Design Researcher, and Founder Director of ZZA Responsive User Environments (now in its 22nd year), Ziona has a distinctive specialism in research and advisory work to inform efficient and sustainable built environment strategies addressing the 'people proposition': www.zza.co.uk. Ziona's knowledge is built from her rich record of empirical research at the range of spatial scales – from buildings to city. This informs her view that built solutions aren't good or bad in isolation of their location and users' need to negotiate metropolitan areas.

Ziona is Visiting Professor at University of Reading's School of Construction Management and Engineering, a frequent international presenter, and serves on numerous public panels, including the Home Office Design Panel and English Heritage Urban Panel, and lead for Social Value at The Ecological Sequestration Trust. Her recent books include: 'Buildings that Feel Good' (2008) and 'Energy People Place: Sustainable Urban Paradigm' (2102).

Michael Edwards Bartlett School of Planning UCL

Michael Edwards is a planner and economist who started professional life working on Cost Benefit Analysis and on the master plan for Milton Keynes. He has been teaching and researching at the Bartlett School of Planning at UCL for 40 years and is now much involved in debates on London Planning through the Just Space network of community groups. He is very critical of the dominant influence of property interests on London's development.

Ben Rogers Director of the Centre for London

Ben Rogers is a writer and policy thinker, with a particular focus on cities, citizenship, social capital, public service reform, and the built environment.

Prior to joining the Centre for London Ben was an Associate Director of IPPR from 2003 – 2007 and has subsequently led strategy teams in Haringey Council, DCLG and The Prime Minister's Strategy Unit, where he was responsible for producing the cross government strategy World Class Places.

Ben has written several acclaimed books on philosophy and history, published in the UK and the US, and is an experienced journalist and broadcaster. He is a visiting fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

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