

# Edge Debate 51 – 6.30 pm, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2012

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The current London Plan maintains the centralising strategy pursued in the Capital since the big bang of the 1980s despite the polycentric ambitions of Boris Johnson's mayoral campaigns. Areas in London are becoming increasingly mono-functional and commercial sites are being consolidated to provide larger and larger scale developments. An Edge debate will examine whether:

- This will lead towards a more or less sustainable and resilient London
- Where London's value lies and whether scale has inherent value
- A successful decentralised model can be envisaged with a more balanced and less energy-intensive locational/spatial strategy
- London can develop viable 'Lifetime neighbourhoods' as proposed by the Mayor?

The debate will draw on recent research into distributed workspaces on the outer edges of metropolitan areas ('Liveable lives', 2010), the role of place ('Why place still matters in the digital age' 2011) and the impact of scale in workplaces (forthcoming report, 2012)

**Chair:** Nicky Gavron, Chair of the Planning Committee of the London Assembly and former Deputy Mayor of London

### Speakers:

- Ziona Strelitz, Director ZZA Responsive User Environments
- Michael Edwards, Bartlett School of Planning, UCL
- Ben Rogers, Director of the Centre for London

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We would be delighted if you could join us in this by-invitation only debate. Please let Simon Foxell at [sf@architectspractice.com](mailto:sf@architectspractice.com) and Jane Powell at [jpo@dmagw.com](mailto:jpo@dmagw.com) know if you, or a colleague, can attend. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis.

At the end of the debate we hope you will continue the discussion over a glass of wine

**Venue:** City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London SE1 2AA

**Hashtag:** #edgelondon

### Timing:

- Debate 6.30 - 8.30 pm
- Drinks and networking - 9.00 pm