



Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes
Association of Local Councils

PLACE SHAPING CONFERENCE 2025

JUNE 16th



The concept of place shaping calls on us to shape our place, it's an invitation to take charge of our local areas, to mould them into shapes that not only appeal to us, but also to those who visit or invest in our communities. It's about re-imagining our surroundings and painting a new, vibrant picture of our area, it's about creating spaces and environments that are better for everyone. We will explore the narratives of 'place', the social and physical fabric of the communities in which people live, their collective experience of urban environments, high streets, town centres and rural areas. 'Places' are economies where we earn our living, communities where we relate to others, and the centrepiece of our identity and belonging.

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Venue: Oculus, The Gate Way Conference Centre, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF

TICKETS: £25 PER DELEGATE
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



- The identity of place
 - Place audits
- Community led vision and shaping the vision
- Partnership working between principal and local councils
 - Thriving, sustainable, and harmonious communities
 - Re-imagining spaces
 - Aging better communities
 - Community safety
 - Social value
- Culture and heritage of place

SPEAKER ANNOUNCEMENT

NEW

Eliza Alqassar, Historic and Built Environment Manager Planning, at Buckinghamshire Council

Will Rysdale, Milton Keynes City Council, Head of Housing Delivery and Regeneration

Breandan O'Neill, Director of ONH

Matthew Harmsworth – Principal Social Value and Town Planning Consultant Arcadis

Matt Barber Police Commissioner Thames Valley Police – Community Safety

Charlotte Lewis from Aging Better – Age Friendly Communities

Tom Sykes –Extended Studio – Place Shaping

For afternoon Workshops

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