

# Summit on Plot-Based Urbanism

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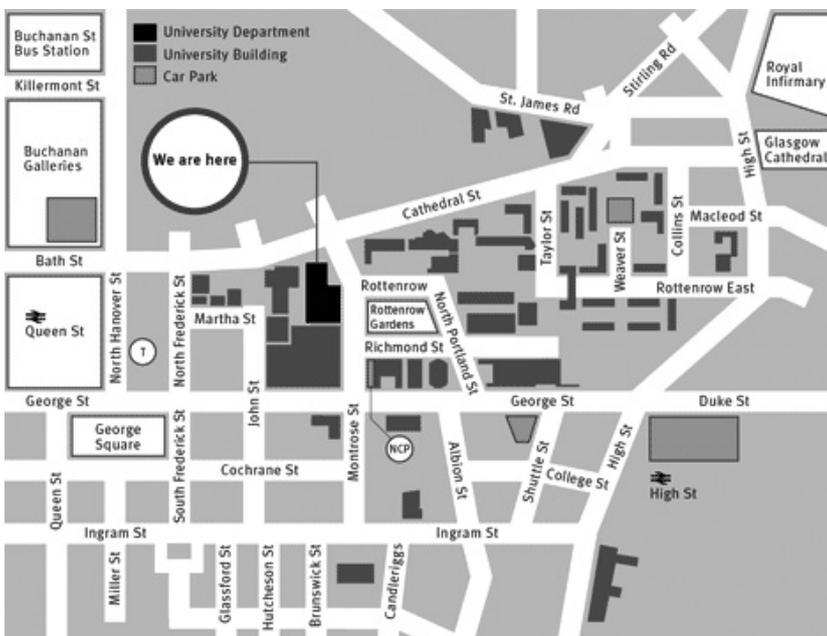


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## Background

With an increasing trend towards single-use, suburban developments on large plots, we are in the process of losing the diverse, close-grain urban fabrics that once served as the foundation for our most beloved streets and flourishing town centres. This has provoked urban designers and town planners, academics, community organizations and governments at all levels to rethink how to achieve more sustainable approaches to contemporary placemaking. Based on the fundamental importance of the plot in urban development, plot-based urbanism has recently re-emerged as an updated approach to compact, sustainable urban design and masterplanning.

Plot-based urbanism is built upon earlier traditions of placemaking and claims to inform urban planning and design strategies in a way that is not only conducive to incremental growth and mixture of land uses and tenures but also minimizes adverse economic risks, encourages informal participation, and respects local culture. Now that it is receiving growing attention in academia, practice, and local governments in the UK and Europe, there is no better time to bring together leading voices in the discussions surrounding plot-based urbanism and set new agendas, establish collaborations, and move towards practical implementation in research, practice and policy.



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“There is a drive towards the creation of more compact and diverse urban settlement patterns in new places and towards the repair of suburban ones. Likewise there is increasingly acceptance that in more financially strained times low-key ‘plot-up’ approaches to regeneration of older urban settlements are likely to become more relevant than ever before.”

J. Tarbatt, *The Plot*



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## SUMMIT PROGRAMME - Keynote and Panel Discussions

**Monday 27 October, James Weir Building, Third Floor: Seminar Room 3**

3:00 **Introduction**

### Keynote Address

3:20 **Returning to the first principles of urbanism**  
Charles R. Wolfe, Principal, Attorney at Law and author of *Urbanism Without Effort*

### Session 1

3:50 **Recalibrating the plot for mixed-use buildings**  
Jonathan Tarbatt, John Thompson & Partners

4:10 **The Popular Home Initiative using plot-based approaches**  
Kelvin Campbell, *Smart Urbanism*

4:30 **Q & A**

4:40 **Break**

### Session 2

5:00 **Urban regeneration in Glasgow through plot-based development: The Botany, Maryhill**  
Gordon Barbour, *Glasgow Housing Association*

5:20 **Control and Transitional Edges: Towards a socio-spatial morphology for plot-based urbanism**  
Kevin Thwaites, *University of Sheffield*

5:40 **Plot-based urbanism: Experiences in developing countries and UN-Habitat's latest activities**  
Salvatore Fundaro, *UN-Habitat*

6:00 **Q & A**

6:10 **Break**

### Session 3

6:30 **Town centres and the power of plot-based change**  
Diarmaid Lawlor, *Architecture and Design Scotland*

6:50 **Grow your own Garden City plot-by-plot**  
David Rudlin, *Urbanism Environment and Design*

7:10 **Q & A**

7:20 **Close**

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