

Liveable Cities

Smart versus Liveable

Bi-Annual Summit 2013

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Winterbourne House, Birmingham

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Purpose of the Day

Our focus is on an *80% carbon-reduced, resource-secure city* in which *wellbeing* is optimised.

The aim of the summit is to explore *the synergies between smart and liveable cities, complementarity with the growth agenda and what might be expected of us in the future* if we are to make things work.

At this event we will...

- *Solicit answers to the above questions*
- *Outline research progress to date*
- *Provide opportunities to engage with the research teams* on the issues with which they are grappling

Programme for the Afternoon

14.00 Breakout Discussions

1. Aspirations for Liveable Cities

2. Low-Carbon Cities and Landscape Change

3. Innovating Mobilities

4. Types of Cities ... Policy and Governance Needs

5. Wellbeing and the Urban Environment

6. Innovating Local Investment Finance

14.55 Next Steps

14.59 Wrap Up

15.00 Close

Some Percipient Observations

Smart – knowledge and wisdom (education)

Smart systems should adapt organically

Over-reliance on smart leads to vulnerability

Growth, yes ... but not as we know it

- social and environmental growth

Beware of liveability for the rich

Cities adopting the 'circular economies' model

Are liveable cities compatible with competition

New business models are likely to be needed

Next Six Months



- Finish first pass of an holistic, integrated, truly multi-disciplinary city analysis methodology to measure the performance of cities
- Trial and refine it using Birmingham datasets – the first of four case studies
- Hold ‘future visions’ focus groups with different stakeholder communities

Next Steps



- Reconvene on 5th December in London
- Hold a sandpit in June 2014 to determine which radical interventions to explore
- Conduct trials of these radical interventions, using the CAM to assess performance
- Create an engineering strategy and provide a pathway to implementation, thus embracing finance, policy, regulation and governance

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