

#REGEN21



CALL FOR PAPERS

NATIONAL REGENERATION SUMMIT 2021

Conference Theme: Improving the High Street

Tuesday 9th November 2021, 2pm - 5pm

Palace of Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA

Hosted by: All-Party Parliamentary Group for Regeneration & Development

The British high street has been the centre of local social and economic life for centuries. However, the prosperity, and even the existence of the high street has been under challenge for decades from a succession of threats including supermarkets, retail parks, online shopping, and most recently the national lockdown.

REGEN21 welcomes papers (2000-3000 words) on our conference theme: "Improving the High Street".

The theme can be approached from a number of specialisms including geography, economics, history, sociology, public relations, law and politics.

See overleaf for full submission rules.

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Research questions

Research questions covered by the conference include: What is the current condition of our high streets? What are the social, economic, technological and/or political forces shaping our high streets? What is the future of our high streets? How do high streets need to change? What exemplars exist which can show us a positive future? Which parties need to be involved in the solution and who should take leadership?

Assessment criteria

1. The paper improves our understanding of high streets.
2. The paper provides original thinking (either new data, a reworking of pre-existing data, or a new theoretical framework).
3. The paper contributes realistic remedies for the problems faced by high streets.

Submission rules

Abstracts of 200-300 words or full papers of 2000-3000 words should be submitted to the APPG's Head of Research, Daniel Valentine, via secretariat@regenerationappg.org.uk. Submissions should be made as soon as possible but no later than 27th September 2021 (Abstract Deadline) or 26th October 2021 (Full Paper Deadline). Submissions will be reviewed on a continuing basis and the deadlines may be brought forward if sufficient papers are received.

- Submissions should be in Word or Rich Text format (not PDF).
- Submissions should be between 2,000 and 3,000 words in length.
- Submissions should begin with a short summary (headlines) in bullet point form.
- Submissions should state clearly who the submission is from, i.e. whether from yourself in a personal capacity or sent on behalf of an organisation.
- Submissions should include the name(s) of the author(s).
- Submissions should include biographical details of the author(s).
- Submissions should as far as possible comprise a single document.
- Material already published elsewhere should not form the basis of a submission, but may be referred to within a submission.
- If you do not wish your submission to be published, you must clearly say so.
- The sooner you send in your submission, the more time the Group will have to take it into consideration. You are strongly advised to submit your written evidence as soon as possible.
- Your submission should be emailed to secretariat@regenerationappg.org.uk

The conference

Each accepted presenter will have ten minutes to present a synopsis of their paper. Following each presentation, a panel of experts will question the presenter. Prizes will be awarded to the winner and runner-up. Following the conference, the two winning papers will be published by the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Regeneration & Development.

The conference is free to attend, but spectators should book via the email above as places are limited.