



# Edge Commission on Future Professionalism: Note 9

## The Commission

### Overview

In the Spring of 2014 the Edge is holding a Commission of Inquiry to examine how the professional institutions and other industry bodies are planning to address pressing issues facing the design and construction sector and how they can act together to reinforce the value of professionalism in the decades ahead.

### Objective

The objective of the Commission is to help the Institutions and other industry bodies serving the design and construction sector to jointly discuss the future of professionalism and to recommend a way forward.

### Terms of Reference

The commission will run for a period of no more than six months in order to gather evidence from the UK industry and appropriate experts and to develop and promulgate a coherent view of the future opportunities for; and challenges to; professionalism in building design and construction, including a set of recommendations for action by the professional institutions. The time scale to be addressed by the Commission will be to approximately 2035.

### The role of Commission members

Commission members will be asked to work together as a team of well-informed individuals to help reach and then address the key issues affecting professionalism in the construction industry. They will not be expected to represent their professional institution/s or their employers.

### Time commitment

Commission members should attend a preliminary planning meeting, as many of the four evidence-taking sessions as they can and a closed plenary session to agree the Commission's recommendations. They may be invited to attend any further events associated with the Commission but without obligation to do so.

### Proposed timetable

Preliminary meeting – Time and date to be confirmed

Session 1: The Environment - 5th March 2014 18.00 – 20.30

Session 2: The Economy – 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2014 18.00 – 20.30

Session 3: Society – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014 18.00 – 20.30

Session 4: Future value – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014 18.00 – 20.30

Plenary meeting – Time and date to be confirmed

### Commission Panel

Chair: Paul Morrell OBE

Members: Jenny Baster, Arup

Tony Burton, Gardiner & Theobald and Chair elect of the CIC

Isabel McAllister, MACE

Alan Penn, Dean of the Bartlett Faculty of the Built Environment

Karen Rogers, Heathrow

The Commission will be supported by Denise Chevin as writer

The four sessions will take place at the Building Centre, Store Street, London WC1

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