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## **Transport Planning Society announces Arup as Platinum sponsor for Transport Planning Day campaign**

**Arup is supporting the Transport Planning Society's Transport Planning Day campaign to mark its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of having a transport planning team.**

The Transport Planning Society (TPS) has today announced the sponsors for its Transport Planning Day campaign, which aims to engage communities in the role of transport planning in improving people's lives.

TPS has partnered with Arup as Platinum sponsor of the campaign, to mark Arup's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of having a transport planning team.

Aecom and Peter Brett Associates (PBA) are Gold campaign partners. Atkins (a member of the SNC-Lavalin group) is a Silver partner, and Steer (formerly Steer Davies Gleave) and SYSTRA are Bronze partners.

Stephen Bennett, Director of Transport Consulting, from Arup said: "We're delighted to support Transport Planning Day as Platinum sponsor to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of providing Transport Consulting services at Arup. During the last five decades we have grown this area of our business significantly to provide transport planning services in the UK and around the world. We have a strong community engagement ethos and focus on working with a range of disciplines and new technologies to provide better accessibility and connectivity for everyone in society."

Kate Morris, a Transport Director at AECOM, said "Transport Planning is at the core of our vision to build a better world, with our team delivering both local and nationally significant schemes. Sponsoring Transport Planning Day provides an excellent opportunity to celebrate the great work of the industry and most importantly the benefit gained by communities across the UK."

Keith Mitchell, PBA Chairman, said: "Communities are at the heart of everything we do. Good transport planning has the power to connect people and places, promote healthier, more sustainable transport options, and create prosperous places for people to live and work. This

campaign provides a great opportunity to highlight the importance of good transport planning practice in the creation of successful communities - at a time when the delivery of housing and growth has become such an important national issue."

Lynda Addison, Chair of TPS, said: "We're hugely grateful to all our sponsors for their support of our first ever Transport Planning Day campaign and People's Award. The support from our partners will enable us to shine a light on transport planning and its role in delivering quality places for people; as well as featuring positive role models to inspire the next generation of transport planners."

At the heart of the Transport Planning Day campaign is TPS's People's Award for a transport planning initiative of the year. Communities are invited to tell the professionals how transport planning has had a positive impact in their local area. Communities could include parish or town councils, residents' associations, civic societies or similar bodies.

The awards are open for entries until Friday 17 August and TPS is urging communities to tell them about the fantastic projects they've been involved in shaping. Lynda Addison continues: "We're pleased with the high standard of entries coming in so far. But we need to spread the word about the awards more widely. We want as many local communities as possible to tell the professionals what good looks like."

TPS is due to announce the People's Award high-level judging panel in the coming weeks. The People's Award finalists will be announced at an afternoon tea reception in the House of Commons hosted by Lilian Greenwood MP on 10 October. The winner will be announced at the Institution of Civil Engineers in London on Transport Planning Day (13 November).

Ends.

#### **Notes to the editor**

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More information on the People's Award and how to enter, including an example entry, can be found on the Transport Planning Society's website [here](#).

The full list of Transport Planning Day sponsors is:

- Platinum – Arup
- Gold – Aecom; Peter Brett Associates
- Silver – Atkins (a member of the SNC Lavalin Group)
- Bronze – Steer (formerly Steer Davies Gleave); SYSTRA

More information on the sponsors:

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Atkins (a member of the SNC Lavalin Group): <https://www.atkinsglobal.com/en-GB/uk-and-europe/sectors-and-services/services/transport-planning>

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