

## Nicholas Boys Smith, Director of Create Streets



Nicholas is the founding Director of Create Streets, an independent research institute that encourages and supports the creation of more and better homes in gentle density mixed use “gentle density” places rather than complex multi-storey buildings or drive to cul-de-sacs. Many of Create Streets’ ideas are now being embedded in national and local planning policy.

Nicholas was co-chair of the Government’s Building Better, Building Beautiful Commission. He is now Chair of the Transition Board for the Government’s Office for Place. He is also a Commissioner of Historic England, a senior research fellow at the University of Buckingham and was a judge of the 2016 and 2018 Sunday Times British Home Awards. Nicholas has written extensively on development, planning and the links between design, wellbeing, value, sustainability and public support