

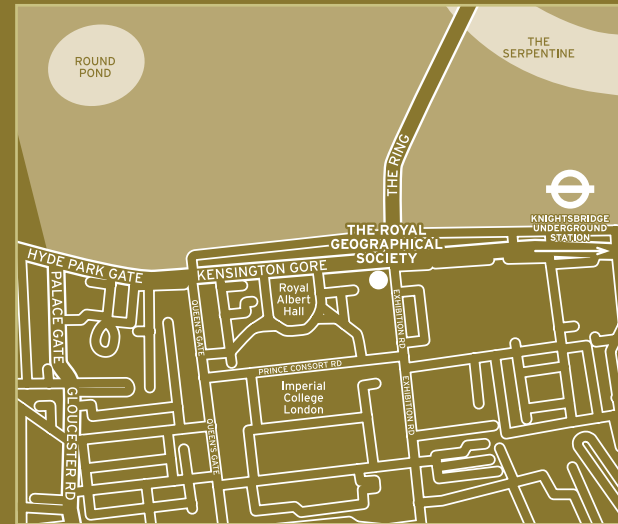


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This conference builds upon the success of the 2008 *Trees: The Key to Climate Proofing Our Cities* conference focusing on the University of Manchester's research showing the influence of green infrastructure on the urban climate.

Available data underpin the case for ensuring there is no avoidable loss of large-canopy urban trees, providing for future large trees in urban design and planning, and bringing our parks into city streets. To effect necessary change, no change in legislation is necessary – but rather a co-ordination and re-direction of thinking and practice.

This conference aims to mobilise policy makers and the wider community to ensure a sustainable urban forest canopy capable of meeting future climate adaptation needs. The urban canopy agenda will be met by including climate adaptation within the national health and well-being agenda.

## Speakers:

### Professor John Handley OBE

University of Manchester  
Conference Chair

### Tim Rollinson

Director General of the Forestry Commission  
Keynote address

### Neville Fay

Treework Environmental Practice  
Arboriculture's role in trees and climate adaptation

### Simon Murray

Simon Murray & Co  
Session Chair

### Dr Susannah Gill

University of Manchester  
The essential role of trees: Adapting cities to climate change by managing high temperatures and reducing pressure on drainage systems

### Isabel Deding

Mayor of London's Environmental Policy Director  
The spatial framework for London and the importance of London's urban canopy

### Dr Mark Johnston MBE

Myerscough College  
Trees in Towns II: Government recognition of urban forest needs

### Martin Kelly

Capita Lovejoy / Trees and Design Action Group  
Big trees in the four-dimensional urban realm

### Diane Smith

Town and Country Planning Association  
Planning for eco-towns, water and green infrastructure: A European perspective

### Tony Hutchings

Forest Research  
The Forest Research Climate Change and Street Trees project

### Sir Terry Farrell CBE

Terry Farrell & Partners  
The Thames Gateway: The design vision and creating treed infrastructure

### Dr Paula Vandergert

Commission for Architecture in the Built Environment (CABE)  
Sustainable cities: Creating tools for better green urban design

### Pete Stringer

Red Rose Forest  
Green infrastructure: A vehicle for working with communities to tackle climate change

### Graham Simmons

Chief Executive, Trees for Cities  
Securing urban trees through community involvement: Planting street and community trees in disadvantaged urban locations

