



3LE on.....City growth and building successful places

Much of my work in both local government and at EEDA focused on place-shaping and place-making - enabling and supporting cities, towns and communities and their leadership teams, to achieve their full potential. I am delighted I have been able to continue this work at 3LE – both with places where I have worked previously and in new economic geographies and communities.

I have published a very large number of pieces on city deals and general approaches to city and town development – among them:-

City deals

Three major LGIU briefings:

- [Cities economic growth, enhanced devolution, and relationships with London](#), February 2014
- [City deals - launch of wave two invitations and progress on wave one](#), November 2012
- [City deals - implications for enhanced devolution and local economic growth](#), July 2012

A regular commentary in my Planning and R&R blogs:

- [Wave two city deals - December 2013](#) - on the lessons of wave two so far...and [September 2013](#) on the first agreement for Preston - preceded by a general look at the [wave two competition](#) when it was first announced, October 2012
- Assessment of the [wave one city deals](#), July 2012

A piece for the Guardian local government network

- [Cities should prepare their poker faces to win wave two deals](#), November 2012

Perspectives on and critiques of government's approach

- [The case for a 'local growth pact'](#) – May 2012
- [Unlocking growth in cities....unlocking incoherence in government](#) – January 2012
- [If a Minister for cities is the answer, what is the question?](#) – August 2011

More general analyses of city development

- [City growth agendas, 2014](#) - February 2014, reflecting on three new publications from Centre for Cities, Cities Growth Commission, and Key Cities Group Manifesto for Growth
- ["Turning over the stones"](#) - a piece for the Journal of Urban Regeneration and Renewal, 2013 on choices between city deals, LEP growth strategies and whole place community budgets
- City growth agendas 2013 - two early pieces looking at [Cities Outlook 2013](#), and at the [city deal, post-Heseltine LEP growth strategy, and whole place community budget](#) choices
- ['Big picture' contributions to city growth](#) - major publications, Autumn 2012

- The TSB '[Future Cities](#)' programme - August 2012
- [Avoiding managed decline in 2012](#) – January 2012
- [Economic Success – more than a hole in one](#) – July 2011

...and on specific places and/or sets of places...

- [England's non-metropolitan cities: the long march to unlocking economic growth](#), Local Economy, November/December 2013 - a relatively rare academic foray!
- [Back to the future – Birmingham 2010](#) – R&R August 2011
- [Place your bets on city status](#) – Guardian July 2011 (on the Diamond Jubilee competition)
- [Truro and a small cities manifesto](#) – Discussion document for Truro City Council, November 2011
- [Realising the potential of England's small and medium cities](#): RGF consultation response from Regional Cities East – September 2010
- [Norwich and Exeter – city success post abolition of unitary status](#) – Guardian May 2010

...and post the summer 2011 urban disturbances/riots...

- [Aspiring for the Champions League – where does Tottenham go next?](#) – R&R August 2011

...and on rural areas...

- [Beyond the commuter belt...growth and development in rural England](#) – R&R September 2011

...and coastal cities/large towns...

- [Coastal communities - between the devil and the deep blue sea](#), August 2012 - on the coastal communities fund
- [Party Conferences: They don't like to be besides the seaside anymore...](#) – R&R September 2011

...and on HS2...

- [What HS2 yells us about 'high speed' strategic economic plans](#), November 2013 - a look at the lessons of the HS2 economic case
- ['Railroad to nowhere', 'fast track to prosperity' ...or none of the above](#) – personal blog, September 2011

If you are unable to access any of these pieces (e.g. because you are not a subscriber to the journal/service), please contact me direct for a complimentary copy.