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Election Statement

Architecture is the foundation of thriving communities, a catalyst for sustainable progress, and a discipline that unites technical expertise with long-term vision. Thoughtful design shapes environments that serve, inspire, and endure. As professionals, we must lead with purpose, amplify our influence, and ensure architecture remains central to a resilient, inclusive built-environment.

As a RIBA Council Member, I will focus on three key priorities:

Raising the Profile of Architects. Architects bring expert knowledge in navigating regulations, balancing spatial, technical, and environmental factors, and ensuring cities, buildings, and spaces stand the test of time. Our expertise deserves greater recognition, and I will campaign to place architecture at the forefront of public discourse, engaging policymakers and the public.

Reinforcing Leadership & Influence. Architects must be recognised as leaders in shaping policy, urban planning, and sustainability - not just contributors, but decision-makers. We translate challenges into solutions, working collaboratively with policymakers, developers, and communities to shape environments for future generations. I will ensure architects have a stronger voice in key conversations on planning, sustainability, and infrastructure.

Championing Enduring, Intelligent Design. Our built-environment must prioritise longevity, functionality, and adaptability. Through expert planning, architects should lead efforts to create spaces that support all-inclusive communities, meet evolving needs, and contribute to a sustainable future. I will promote architecture's essential role in shaping resilient, people-focused spaces.

By standing for RIBA Council, I aim to elevate our profession, strengthen our influence, and ensure architecture remains central to shaping the world around us.

I am a Chartered Architect with over 25 years' experience in designing and delivering successful, sustainable projects, including award-winning bespoke homes and schools to large-scale, complex housing-led, mixed-use developments in London. I have lectured at universities, taught design, and mentored RIBA Part 3 students for many years. Recently, I became a RIBA Client Advisor.