

## CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

2006/2007 was another busy year for the LPF, the broad, topical and informative series of seminars continued, and as well as the Annual Dinner, we added a Summer Cocktail party and barbeque to the LPF calendar. I would like to thank everyone for their contribution and organisation of these events. I would especially like to thank Andrew Wade and his team at Lawrence Graham for hosting the inaugural summer party and barbeque as well as a number of the seminars. Despite the tube strike, the event was well attended and proved to be a very successful networking opportunity. We have therefore decided to make this an annual fixture and I am pleased to confirm that Lawrence Graham have kindly offered to host the 2008 party for us.

The 2007 annual dinner was held in the Science Museum, and the venue proved to be a great success. Following the success of both venue and time of year we have agreed that we should return to the Flight Gallery for the 2008 and stay with an April date. The date for the dinner is Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. I should also thank Philip Villars and Lauren Lee Kong of Indigo Planning for their time and great effort spent organising this event.

At some point in the year I formally took over from John Rushby as Chair - John had held this position for the past three years and his contribution to LPF has been immense - on behalf of the Committee and Members I would like to thank John for his leadership, support and commitment throughout his appointment.

A real focus for 2008 will be on extending the membership and encouraging the membership base to come along to as many events and seminars as possible. The seminars have now all increased their focus upon the networking opportunity they provide. The range of members and contributors makes the LPF unique – members and contributors include developers, designers, owners, occupiers, agents, consultants, academics, politicians and financiers making the event and seminar networking programme invaluable and right at the heart of what the LPF provides to its members.

The event schedule will be sent through with the new members pack and we are always happy to receive members' ideas and suggestions for new events and always looking to secure new speakers and sponsors.

I would like to pay tribute to the hard work of the committee throughout 2006 and given that the LPF is entirely a voluntary organisation the goodwill and hard work provided by our committee, speakers, and sponsors should not be overlooked.

Polly Farrell