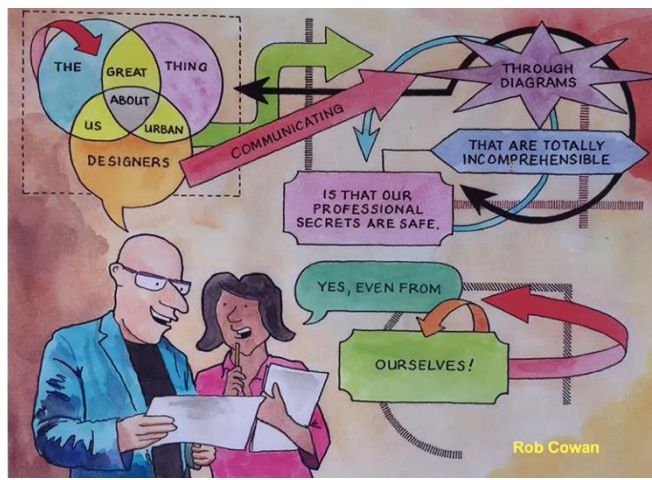


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## Understanding Plans & Drawings

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- **Ask the obvious question.** When you're analysing drawings, obvious questions often relate to real life situations. How do all sorts of people move through the site and get to their front door? Where are the bin stores and are they designed in from the start? Does the layout relate well to the surrounding context?
- **Give yourself time to check details.** You'll have a much better understanding of drawings and their proposals if you review the plans in advance and visit the site to get a clear understanding of scale, topography, and context.
- **Check the viewpoints – are they realistic?** Agree viewpoints beforehand and confirm that the applicant is showing them through accurate visual representations rather than illustrations or what might be.
- **Think about the use of colour in plans.** Ensure that the colours accurately represent the proposed materials and construction details are provided and are conditioned as part of the application.
- **In residential properties, scaled drawings guide understanding.** They are important to help understand what can fit into a room and what can take place within a room.



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## Speakers:

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Attendees: 57