

## **Their Brilliant Kriers**

### **Pioneering urbanists Léon and Rob Krier share insights as their rare joint appearance at CNU 17 approaches**

Rob and Léon Krier have influenced architecture and urbanism for the past 30 years.

Born in Luxemburg, the brothers witnessed their hometown devastated by poor planning decisions and low-grade buildings, leading them to study the root causes of non-contextual developments. Embracing the principles and techniques of traditional architecture and urbanism, they both have rigorously documented urban places and elements of architecture, sharing this body of knowledge through numerous drawings and ideograms.

Incorporating the lessons learned and respecting the history and culture of the regions where they work, they have produced a canonical oeuvre, with Léon winning deserved fame for designing Poundbury for HRH the Prince of Wales and the Duchy of Cornwall and Rob seeing a number of the towns he's designed primarily in the Netherlands come into finely crafted existence.

With their rare joint appearance in an intimate CNU 17 advanced 202 session fast approaching - along with individual breakout sessions featuring each of them and their work - Léon Krier fielded a set of questions from architect and CNU board member Dhiru Thadani. During the interview, Krier produced a set of his famed pictograms for the occasion. Rob, who will be honored with a CNU Athena award for lifetime achievement (joining Léon and a distinguished group of urbanists) also supplied a few response. [...]