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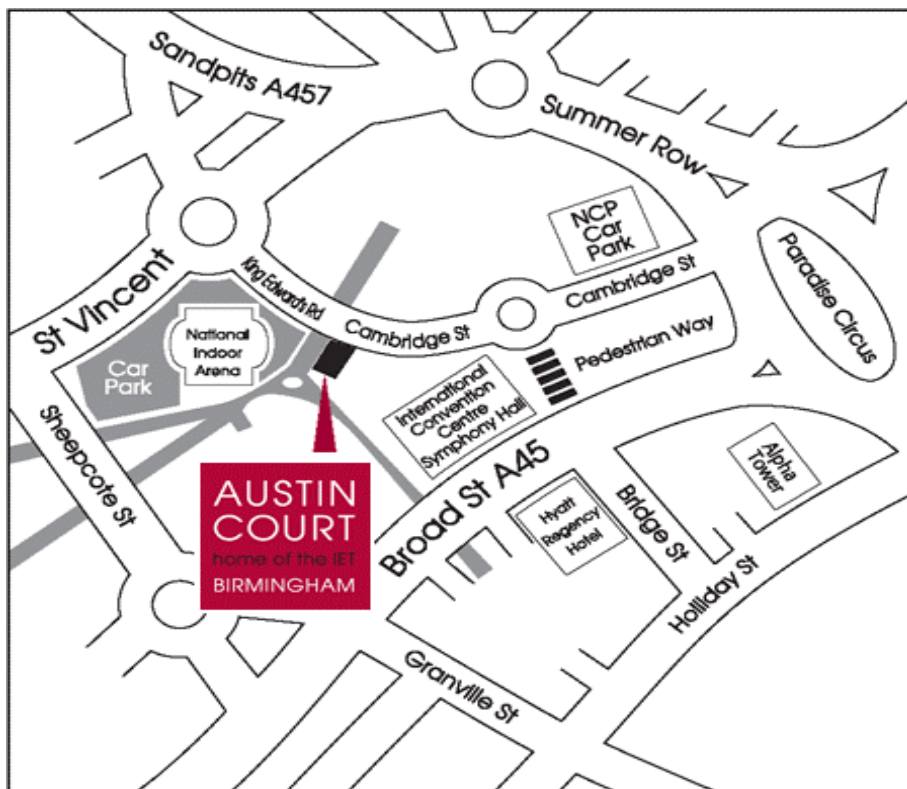
Registration: 9.15am – 9.45am

Conference start: 9.55am

Venue: Austin Court

80 Cambridge Street
Birmingham
B1 2NP

Austin Court is situated just off Broad Street on Brindleyplace development, Birmingham's new business district. It is also right between the National Indoor Arena and the International Convention Centre.



By Bus

Leave the bus in the City Centre. Ask for directions to the "Central Library". Just to the left of the main entrance to the Central Library and behind Priestley's statue, a signpost to Convention Centre and National Indoor Arena points to the entrance to Paradise Forum.

Walk through the Mall and exit over the footbridge into Centenary Square, passing the Hall of Memory on your left. Continue towards the ICC and Birmingham Repertory Theatre, turn right in front of the International Convention Centre to meet Cambridge St. Turn left, follow the road until you reach Austin Court on your left. Allow 15-20 minutes to walk this route.

(If your bus enters the City via Broad St, get off at "Symphony Hall", then walk past the front entrance (leaving the Birmingham Repertory Theatre on your right), to meet Cambridge St. Turn left, follow the road until you reach Austin Court on your left.

By Train

To New St Station - (Most Main Line and Local services)

Do NOT leave the train at Birmingham International Station.

Leave the platform at the North (Wolverhampton or Bristol) end and take the stairs to the "Way out to Victoria Square". When outside, cross the road (Navigation St) and continue directly ahead up Pinfold Street. At the top of the hill the Council House with its clock tower ("Big Brum") can be seen.

As you enter Victoria Square, on your left is the Town Hall (modelled on a Grecian Temple). Follow the signposts for Paradise Forum, Convention Centre and National Indoor Arena. Continue straight on and the Central Library is ahead on the opposite side of Chamberlain Square.

Follow the ramp around the edge of the arena and just to the left of the main entrance to the Central Library and behind Priestley's statue, a signpost to Convention Centre and National Indoor Arena points to the entrance to Paradise Forum.

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To Snow Hill Station

(Chiltern Railways, some Centro services from Hereford, and Metro service from Wolverhampton)

Ascend into Colmore Row and turn right. At the end of Colmore Row, across Victoria Square, is the Town Hall (modelled on a Grecian Temple).

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By Taxi

If you wish to take a taxi, Leave the platform near the centre, ascend to the bridge and the main concourse. Leave the concourse by the doors to the left of the escalators. There is a Taxi Rank just outside. Ask for "Austin Court, Cambridge St (next to the Malthouse Pub)".

By Car

From the South-West (M5), leave the motorway at junction 3, follow the A456 towards the city centre.

From the South (M40), South-East (M6) East (M69), or North-East (M42) follow the M6 to Junction 6, then the A38(M) towards the city centre.

From the North-West (M6) or West (M54) follow the M6 either to Junction 7, then the A34 towards Birmingham city centre or to Junction 6, then the A38(M) towards the city centre.

By far the easiest, although not the most direct route, is to follow one of the main radial routes towards the city centre. On reaching the Middle Ring Road (A4540), follow this to the junction with the A457 Dudley Road. Spring Hill Library, a Victorian Gothic Terracotta building, is on one corner.

Turn towards the City Centre, also signed Convention Centre and National Indoor Arena.

Take the first available right (at traffic lights) into Summer Hill St, at the next roundabout carry straight on up the hill (King Edward's Road). The National Indoor Arena and its car parks are on your right. At the top of the hill, the rear wall of Austin Court should be visible on the right across the Birmingham & Fazeley Canal.

Car parking

There is very limited parking at Austin Court. If the car park is full, the nearest parking is at the National Indoor Arena. It is Pay-and-Display. There is limited street parking (meters) in side streets opposite the NIA, also on the south side of Broad St (A456).

Other car parks are just past the Birmingham Rep between Cambridge St and Broad Street, and at the end of Cambridge St at the junction of Summer Row (A457), the entrance is in Brindley Drive. As well as being further away, these are generally more expensive than the NIA car park.