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## New Horizons for Democratic Planning

The first UK Conference of the Politicians in Planning Association

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2007 10am – 4pm  
Austin Court, Birmingham

**The RTPI Politicians in Planning Association (PIPA)** recognises that planning is contentious and must be a democratic process, supported by professional expertise. Its membership is drawn from all tiers of government enabling the cross-fertilisation of ideas, policy and good-practice. The first UK PIPA Conference aims to engage with members and prospective members in identifying and addressing issues of greatest concern.

*To ensure that all interests are included, there is **no charge** for the event thanks to the support from our sponsors. The venue is accessible and a buffet lunch and refreshments will be provided free of charge.*

**The event is aimed to be of benefit to both new and established participants in democratic planning.** Amongst the topics to be included (*subject to change*) are:

- The anticipated Planning White Paper
- The new planning framework in Scotland
- Central 'interference' in local planning
- Joining up community and spatial planning
- Co-operation between neighbouring authorities
- Future prospects for effective practice

**To book or for further information** please email [pipa@rtpi.org.uk](mailto:pipa@rtpi.org.uk) or phone **01789 763006** (an initial restriction of 2 places per organisation booking will be applied)

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