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East of England

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# EAST OF ENGLAND PLANNING LAW UPDATE 2011

**Date:** Friday 11 November 2011**Venue:** The Howard Building, Downing College,  
Cambridge, CB2 1DQ

It has been a remarkable twelve months for the planning system in England. The Coalition has pressed ahead with its agenda. The amended Localism Bill is now nearing Royal Assent and significant changes, including the abolition of Regional Strategies and the Infrastructure Planning Commission, will follow. This, together with the review of new statutory instruments and case law, notably the decision of the Supreme Court in the *Welwyn Hatfield* case (enforcement immunity), could have filled a day.

In July, however, CLG published the consultation draft of the National Planning Policy Framework. The ensuing controversy and press coverage of a planning topic has been unprecedented.

The aim of the conference is to cover the important legal topics of the last year and provide opportunity for questions and discussion.

One place at this event has been sponsored by Peter Hakes at the **Planning Legislation Update Service** ([www.planninglegislation.info](http://www.planninglegislation.info)).

## PROGRAMME

**09:30 REGISTRATION TEA/COFFEE****10:00 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**  
John Dagg, Conference Chair,  
RTPI East of England**10.05 REVIEW OF THE YEAR**  
John Dagg, Barrister, Trinity Chambers**10:45 A VIEW OF THE NPPF - AND THE CONTROVERSY**  
Richard Harwood, Barrister,  
Thirty Nine Essex Street Chambers**~ THERE WILL BE A TWO-MINUTE SILENCE AT 11:00 TO  
COMMEMORATE REMEMBRANCE DAY ~****11:25 BREAK****11:45 THE NEW ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
REGULATIONS**  
William Upton, Barrister,  
6 Pump Court Chambers**12:25 QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION****13:00 BUFFET LUNCH (included in fee)****14:00 MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AFTER  
THE ACT**  
Mark Challis, Partner, Government &  
Infrastructure, Bircham Dyson Bell**14:40 CASE LAW REVIEW**  
Bernadette Hillman, Partner,  
Debenhams Ottaway**15:20 QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION****16:00 SUMMING UP AND CLOSE OF CONFERENCE**

**THIS EVENT HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY VOLUNTEERS FROM THE RTPI EAST OF ENGLAND TO HELP RTPI MEMBERS WITH THEIR CPD REQUIREMENTS. IT IS ALSO OPEN TO NON-RTPI MEMBERS**

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