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Royal Town Planning Institute
East of England



ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR COUNCILLORS “Positive Planning in Challenging & Changing Times”

Date: Monday 21 November 2011

Venue: St John's Innovation Centre, Cowley Road,
CAMBRIDGE, CB4 0WS

Join key speakers at this Annual Conference to be informed about current issues and good practice. It will be of upmost importance to councillors new to planning, for which training is required, as well as a refresher and update for longer established members.

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. In July 2011, CLG published the consultation draft of the National Planning Policy Framework and the ensuing controversy and press coverage of a planning topic has been unprecedented.

Speakers will discuss these vitally important changes to the planning system to enable decision makers to have a clear understanding of the context in which modern planning operates.

Included within the conference programme will be information from a representative of the Institute of Historic Building Conservation, and speakers summarising the East of England Renewable and Low Carbon Capacity Study.

The conference provides the opportunity to meet with Councillors from across the region facing similar issues and the chance to learn effective methods to enhance planning and control.

PROGRAMME

09:45 REGISTRATION TEA/COFFEE

10:15 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
Peter Geraghty, Regional Chair,
RTPI East of England

10:20 PLANNING LAW UPDATE
John Dagg, Barrister, Trinity Chambers

10:55 LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT
Linda Russell, Solicitor, Linda S Russell
Solicitors & Planning Consultants

11:30 BREAK

11:45 THE LOCALISM BILL AND PREDETERMINATION -
THE ROLE OF COUNCILLORS
Alison Blom-Cooper, Fortismere Associates

12:20 QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

12:45 BUFFET LUNCH (included in fee)

13:45 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING
Ann Skippers, Immediate Past RTPI President,
Ann Skippers Planning

14:20 THE DIRECTION OF HERITAGE POLICY
Bob Kindred MBE, Ipswich Borough Council,
Council Member of the IHBC and
Standing Special Heritage Advisor to the House
of Commons Culture Media & Sport Comttee.

14:55 EAST OF ENGLAND RENEWABLE & LOW CARBON
ENERGY CAPACITY STUDY
Dr Andrew Turton, AECOM and
Richard Summers, RTPI President,
The Landscape Partnership

15:30 QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

16:00 SUMMING UP AND CLOSE OF CONFERENCE

THIS EVENT HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY VOLUNTEERS FROM THE RTPI EAST OF ENGLAND.
IT IS OPEN TO NON-RTPI MEMBERS

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