



“MEET THE PROFESSIONS” and “MASTERCLASS SESSIONS”

As a member, **YOU have an opportunity to influence which topics are covered at two of the conferences** being organised by the RTPI East of England Regional Activities Committee in 2012:

- **Meet the Professions, in May (in Cambridge) and**
- **Masterclass Sessions, in October (in Ipswich).**

Suggestions for the subjects to be covered at these conferences are set out below but are not fixed.

Please email the Conference Organiser, Steven Bainbridge (steven.bainbridge@tlp.uk.com), with any suggestions for topics and/or speakers that you have.

The RAC members who organise these conferences are volunteers so suggestions, particularly from those who would like to attend the conferences, are welcome and gratefully received.

Meet the Professions w/c 21st May (date tbc) - Cambridge

The idea behind this conference is to gain insight and knowledge from allied built and natural environment professionals on how their area of expertise works with the planning system with case studies and legal/policy updates where relevant.

Professions being represented may include: architecture, landscape architecture/urban design, Councillor, planning consultant or development agent, building control officer and/or an engineer, enforcement officer and lawyer/Planning Inspector, flood risk professional, archaeologist, listed building or conservation specialist, ecologist, BREEAM assessor or sustainability/energy specialist, environmental health officer or consultant, procurement officer.

The morning session will introduce allied professionals, giving insight to their areas of specialism and providing essential knowledge to colleagues. In the afternoon session, it is intended that more specialist topics are covered and this can be regarded as a useful insight to newer planners and critical to the rest. It is hoped that delegates can find learning opportunities that allow them to attend for the whole day, however if time and training budgets are tight, then a half day attendance is an option.

Master class sessions w/c 22nd October (date tbc) – Ipswich

A one day conference split into two halves - attend the whole day or attend half. We will hear from acknowledged experts and benefit from their knowledge on

Morning session:

- EIA screening and scoping
- Assessing the financial considerations of planning applications
- DC surgery - Conditions, enforcement, mediation and legal remedy
- Assessing applicants pre-application consultations for large development proposals
- The validation of planning applications including local validation requirements

Afternoon session:

- Local development plan consultation
- Making the list of assets of community value
- CIL, S106 etc
- Facilitating neighbourhood planning (localism in action) – the selection of neighbourhood forums, the examination of neighbourhood plans

In very broad terms the morning session could be said to be concentrating on development management issues and the afternoon session on policy matters. However this approach is not exclusive and it is intended that there will be something for everyone to learn despite how you consider your current job description might align you.