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Sustainable Water Action
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“Water and Planning: Crossing Boundaries and Bridging Gaps”

24th February 2012

Exhibition & Conference Centre, University of the West of England
Coldharbour Lane, Bristol BS16 1QY

A Joint Workshop Forum

for the Changing Water and Planning Policy Arena across England and Wales

(e.g. the Flood and Water Management Act, National SuDS Standards, the Water White Paper and the draft National Planning Policy Framework)

Description: the cross boundary/disciplinary meeting will concern the better integration of water management policy into the planning frameworks of England and Wales. Breaking and emerging water policy and practice will take centre stage, including new duties for surface water management and water cycle planning for lead local authorities deriving from the *Flood and Water Management Act (2010)*, the *Flood Risk Regulations (2009)* and the *Water White Paper*, but set squarely against the complex, challenging planning context to include the draft *National Planning Policy Framework* from England and emerging Welsh planning policy - delivering economic renewal, housing targets and so forth. This intersection between planning and water management is the real heart of the meeting - postulating planning issues/case studies and, inspired by planners in the Netherlands and elsewhere, challenging engineers, hydrologists and other professions to look at water management with a “planner's hat” on. At many water conferences and workshops, planners are largely absent or are addressed by their water management colleagues from their perspective - we would hope for a 50/50 mix, to stimulate a lively debate and delve deeper into the issues. **Outcome:** a deeper understanding across the sectors, increased integration and more effective partnership working?

Programme (TBC)

Attendance at this technical/CPD meeting will be **free**, but places are limited and registration is required via the following link:

<http://cwsexeter.eventwax.com/water-and-planning-crossing-boundaries-and-bridging-gaps>

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