

**The Royal Town Planning Institute
Yorkshire Conference Series 2012**

**GREEN FIELDS AND SPACES:
INCORPORATING GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE INTO PLANNING**

Wednesday 22 February 2012

St George's Centre, Great George Street, Leeds LS1 3BR

At the same time as green field areas are a point of conflict in considering urban expansion and housing provision, planning authorities are concerned with developing green infrastructure and responding to local demand for access to open spaces. This conference looks at these issues from European through to local perspectives; identifying pressure points and coming up with some practical ways through case studies to address these, respecting the needs of both the natural environment and its inhabitants.

PROGRAMME

- 09.30am Registration. Tea/Coffee available
- 10.00 Welcome from the Chair **Michelle Wishardt**, Leeds Met University
- 10.05 The Leeds City Region Green Infrastructure Strategy
Andy Haigh, Leeds City Council and Chair, RTPI Yorkshire
- 10.30 Planning for Nature: European Perspectives and Examples
Martin Elliot, Elliot Planning Ltd. and Yorkshire and Humber Environment Trust
- 10.55 Whose Green Fields? Defending existing access and supporting new community opportunities. **Helen Ledger**, Sport England
- 11.15 Refreshments
- 11.30 Moving from strategy to implementation - managing pressure on green infrastructure assets from new development. **Ingo Schüder**, Natural England
- 12.00 The Green Infrastructure Partnership: Implementation at local level
Ed Dyson, DEFRA
- 12.30 Plenary with morning speakers
- 12.50 Lunch
- 13.50 Common problems facing local authorities implementing green infrastructure for the benefit of wildlife. **Laura Welsh**, Craven District Council
- 14.10 Guidelines for greener cities: techniques for ensuring liveability in heavily populated urbanised areas. **Mark Long**, Green City & UK Green Forum,
- 14.40 Incorporating green spaces into developments in reality: How to achieve the X Factor – with Yorkshire case studies. **Lillian Coulson**, Directions Planning Consultancy
- 15.10 Open Forum with afternoon speakers
- 15.30pm Close