

The **Conduct and Discipline Panel** is empowered to decide whether a breach of the Professional Code of Conduct has occurred and, where it has, to discipline the member.

The Panel is comprised of 7 members as follows:-

Brian Dodd BA MPhil MRTPI is a Chartered Town Planner and an Accredited Mediator. After a career in local government he joined the Planning Inspectorate as an Inspector, eventually becoming the Director responsible for all Development Plan and Transport casework. After retiring he became a consultant Inspector and mediator. His experience includes strategic and local planning, development control, enforcement, social research and training. Brian is the Chair of the Panel.

Susan Vaile BSc, MRTPI (Rtd) worked for Westminster City Council, Guildford and Woking Borough Councils on a variety of projects, including the preparation of a local plan. In 1989 she joined the Commission for Local Administration, the Ombudsman, and managed a team investigating complaints from people living in over 40 council areas. She was the Commission's expert on planning law and procedures. During this time she gained a management qualification as well as a Mediation Certificate.

Recent projects have included working with the Department on permitted development rights for householder developments and microgeneration.

Susan spent several years as a member of the Institute's West Midlands Environmental Education Group. Susan is the Vice Chair of the Panel.

David Riddington BA(Hons), Diploma in Urban Planning, MRTPI (Rtd) is now retired from planning work after a 35 year career in local government. David held various posts, mainly in development control, and most recently as Head of Development Control at Wycombe District Council. He has extensive experience of investigating complaints and involvement with the Local Government Ombudsman.

Robert Merrick RIBA (Rtd) qualified as an architect with a Distinction in Thesis in 1968. He was elected to RIBA in 1969 and formed his own private practice in 1972. He obtained various awards from local amenity societies, RIBA and national newspapers. He retired in 2003. He has been a member of Hertfordshire Architects Advisory Panel since 1974. He was an Associate Member of the Institute of Arbitrators from 1976 to 2003 and a Magistrate from 1983 to 2003. Robert is a lay member of the Conduct and Discipline Panel and was an Appeal Pool member from 2005 to 2007.

Bernadette Hillman LLB (Hons) LARTPI is a solicitor and Partner in Debenhams Ottaway Solicitors, St Albans, where she is Head of Planning. She has specialised in planning law and property disputes for 18 years and has worked in private practice and as an in-house lawyer for a property

development company. She is a member of the Law Society's Planning Panel, a Legal Member on the RTPI's General Assembly and the former chair of the Herts Law Society Civil Litigation Committee. She is also a school Governor.

Dr Mark Ford MSc PhD MRTPI TPP FCILT FIHT ACI Arb is a Chartered Town Planner. He has been in practice since 1982 and during his career he has also been employed in local government (10 years) and in-house by a major UK developer (7 years). His PhD considered the sustainable location of major allocations in the Local Plan / LDF process utilising Genetic Algorithms. He has given papers / lectures and been published in the UK and internationally. He is also qualified in traffic engineering / transport planning as well as being an accredited mediator.

Mr Simon Clewlow BSc(Hons) DiplEng CEng MICE MCIHT became a Chartered Civil Engineer in 1990 and during his career has primarily provided transport planning and engineering advice to a range of largely private sector clients. Simon has worked for contractors and consultants including spending 17 years with Travers Morgan while it was first acquired by Symonds and then by Capita where, before he left, he was its Director of Development Transport and Infrastructure. For the last 2 years Simon has been the Principal of his eponymous private practice. Simon has been active in the Institution of Civil Engineers serving as the National Chairman of its Associate Members Graduates and Students section and more recently as a Supervising Civil Engineer overseeing graduates seeking chartered membership. Simon is a lay member of the Conduct and Discipline Panel.