

Future Newsletters

We hope that you found this edition of Root and Branch useful and informative. The articles you have read have been submitted by Members of the Yorkshire Region. If you, or your planning colleagues, have any views, reports, articles or any other information (humerous or otherwise) which you feel would be of interest to other members, please forward them, preferably by email, (see below) to Paula Nolan at regional office for inclusion in the quarterly Newsletter. **The deadlines for 2007 are: Wednesdays, 7th March, 6th June, 5th September and 5th December.** The success of the newsletter depends on the Members producing the necessary copy. There must be things happening in your area that merit being communicated to a wider audience!

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<http://yorkshire.rtpi.org.uk/newsletters/>

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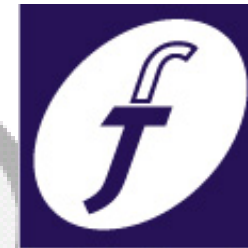
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RTPI Yorkshire Region - A Word from the Chair

So it is the end of my year as Chair of the RTPI Yorkshire Region....

A major event was the Regional office move to new premises at the Green Sand Foundry, Leeds. I will take this opportunity on behalf of members of the Region to thank Paula Nolan for co-ordinating the move and her sterling contribution to the running of the Regional Office during the year.

One of my first duties in office was to celebrate the award of the Silver Jubilee Cup to the Bradford Conservation Area project. Hailstones in May saw the RTPI President, Clive Harridge, visiting some of the Region's urban centres - Sheffield, Doncaster, Leeds and Bradford. Clive attended the initiation of YorNET – the young professional's network for the Region; an initiative spearheaded by Regional Activities Group member, Bhupinder Dev. By all accounts the network is flourishing and will go a long way to breaking down barriers across the various construction and development industry disciplines. In his write up, Clive praised the dedication, quality and diversity of professional practice and activity across the Region.

Proposals to set up a regional Construction Industries Council (CIC) to represent professionals in the construction and development services sector are now well underway. Key objectives for the CIC will be to identify and campaign on issues about skills shortages, levels of pay, addressing quality and training in the construction and development professions. A key message emerging from the CIC debates is the shortage of chartered town planners both to meet the increasing demands of legislation but also in the management and control of development.

Over the course of the year the Low Cost Events and the Yorkshire Conference Series have proved popular, as seen in reports in this edition. The annual legal update in October proved an interesting debate. Attendees were asked for their opinion of the new development planning system, not a single hand was raised to demonstrate support and confidence. In contrast when asked to indicate frustration with the new system every person raised their hand.

On reflection it has been an interesting year which has demonstrated much innovative planning activity and practice in the Region. Across the board there is recognition of the contribution made by the planning profession to the quality of life in the Region – we all have a part to play in this.

Calling all RTPI Members

Senior Associate Director

--> LEEDS CITY CENTRE - Up to £50k + Car/Car Allowance + Bonus + Package

Our client is a well-respected Property Consultancy with a well established Nationwide Planning Team. They are currently looking to develop their planning presence in Yorkshire and are looking for a qualified planner to assist in developing this team. Consultancy experience is preferred for this role, and an understanding of the Yorkshire planning market is essential. You will be an excellent networker and have a host of contacts, which will be your route to developing New Business for the team. Retail knowledge would be an advantage.

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From Planner level upwards

--> £competitive + Package - dependant on level

A Leading firm of engineers and chartered town planners requires new faces from planner level through to associate level to strengthen its current team of 3. You will be working on a caseload of major scale projects spanning the commercial and residential sectors - strong Development Control, appeal and Project management skills are needed for this role. Ideally you will have 3yrs+ experience within Local Government or Private practice.

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Senior Planner

--> Circa £45k package

Join the UK's largest Independent Town Planning, Regeneration and Design consultancy as a senior planner. This exciting role requires applicants to be commercially minded, have impeccable communication skills, be a member of the RTPI and ideally possess 4yrs experience either in consultancy or Development Control. You should also have strong report writing skills and be able to prepare structured planning cases. You will be managing complex projects on behalf of a board client base including Retailers, Investors, Developers and Landowners.

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Recently become an RTPI member?

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Whether you are working in the public or private sector, if you have just become an RTPI member, we want to hear from you. A number of our clients are currently looking to recruit at planner level. You will ideally have exposure to some commercial applications as well as basic household DC work. You will have the enthusiasm to progress towards looking after your own caseload, with a view to becoming a Senior Planner. To find out more, please give us a call!

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For the year ahead, a number of projects from across the Region have been short listed for the national RTPI awards for 2007. These submissions demonstrate a wealth and quality of planning work in the Region; circumstances which should be celebrated. A judging panel from the RTPI Yorkshire Region has selected one of these projects for a Regional Award and the winner will be announced and coverage given early in the New Year.

In closing, I would like to thank all who have assisted with running the RTPI Yorkshire Region; in particular members of the Regional Activities Committee, Tony Ray the Branch Secretary and Kate Brooks for helping with Root & Branch. As has been said on numerous occasions, we are only as good as our members and their activities; please continue with your contributions.

Lastly, please welcome to the Chair for 2007, Harvey Pritchard. Best wishes to all members in the Yorkshire Region for a happy and healthy year ahead.

Paul Leeming
Chair, Yorkshire Region RTPI

YORnet Festive Social 2006

The top floor of the Adelphi Hotel, Hunslet Road, Leeds played host to the YORnet Festive Social on Wednesday 29th November 2006. The event was a big success, with 60 young engineers, architects, surveyors, planners, landscape architects and project managers in attendance.



The event was a good opportunity for professionals from across the Yorkshire region to socialise and meet up with other like minded individuals working in the industry. The light

buffet was kindly sponsored by recruitment consultancy, Anders Elite.

YORnet is the network for young built environment professionals in Yorkshire and is attached to Concourse - The Leeds



Centre for Art, Architecture, Construction, Landscape, Planning and Urban Design whose aim is to provide a forum within which young planners, architects, engineers, surveyors, landscape architects, urban designers and other young professionals in the Yorkshire region can develop their interest in planning, regeneration and design and also socialise and share experiences.



To register your interest and join YORnet, please email Yorkshire@rtpi.org.uk. It is free to register onto the emailing list and you will be kept

up to date on forthcoming YORnet events and activities. Please also visit the RTPI Yorkshire events diary to be kept up to date on events and activities <http://yorkshire.rtpi.org.uk/diary/>

If you have any ideas and suggestions for future YORnet Inter-disciplinary CPD seminars or social event or you would like to become actively involved with YORnet then please email Yorkshire@rtpi.org.uk



Bhupinder S Dev, MRTPI, White Young Green, Leeds and RTPI Yorkshire Young Planners Coordinator

IHT & YORnet Seminar on Homes Zones



The joint Institution of Highways & Transportation (IHT) and YORnet Evening Seminar on Home Zones was held on Monday 13th November 2006 at Leeds Metropolitan University. The event started off with a buffet kindly sponsored by Integreat Yorkshire – the Regional Centre for Excellence in Regeneration and Renaissance (see www.integreatyorkshire.com for more information).

The evening seminar which attracted over 60 highway engineers, planners and landscape architects was introduced by the Rachel Moss from JMP Consulting and the IHT Committee Member.



The first presentation was made by John Palmoski, Senior Transport Planner from Atkins who introduced the site selection and consultation aspects of a home zone commission at Denton in South East Manchester for Tameside Borough Council. John described the various phases of consultation, including inception "educating the residents", developing scheme buy in and scheme development achieved through open events, action days, door to door surveys and a school competitions.

Simon Ward, Principal Landscape Architects from Atkins covered the design aspects of Home Zones and highlighted how the aspirations of residents were converted into a built reality. The presentation also included a 3D computer generated fly through the Denton Home Zones Project in Tameside.

The final presentation was made by Tom Walker, Associate Partner from Gillespies. Tom highlighted key experiences and



lessons learned from two Gillespies' home zone projects in Scunthorpe and Gateshead. The presentations were followed by a lively discussion session which brought to an end a very successful evening.

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YORKSHIRE CONFERENCE SERIES 2007

The new programme for our 2007 Season Ticket Scheme is now available. Please phone

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Pdf file of programme available on our website:

<http://yorkshire.rtpi.org.uk>

The first conference in the series is 'The Interface between Design and the Planning Process' in Sheffield on Wednesday 14th February 2007

Annual Report on Low Cost CPD Events

2006 has seen continued momentum for the Region's reinvigorated Low Cost CPD programme with a total of 5 very popular events being delivered with the help of a grouping number of volunteers:

- two evening seminars in June: one in Wakefield on Community Consultation and the other in Doncaster on Iconic Buildings in Regeneration (coinciding with and helping celebrate Architecture Week);
- another evening event on Sustainable Design and Construction in Leeds in September;
- an afternoon session on Rural Planning in Northallerton in November, and;
- finally, an evening seminar on Planning and the Delivery of Renewable Energy in Sheffield this month (December 13th) to successfully round off the year.

The themes of sponsorship and collaboration with other disciplines, bodies and associations have also continued into 2006 with the following companies helping to resource our programme;

- Spawforth Associates;
- John R Paley Associates;
- Turley Associates, and
- Acorus

We are very pleased to have been able to work with the Women in Property Group and the

Campaign to Protect Rural England on a couple of events.

Thanks as ever must go to all the organisations and people that lent their support, in one way or another, to the 2006 programme.

Some of the ideas that we had in mind for 2006 haven't materialised, especially the aim to hold at least one event in the East Riding. Hopefully this will be rectified next year.

Of course, the beauty of the Low Cost Events format is that it is informal, flexible and can respond very rapidly to a new issue, provided that there are a handful of people interested in the topic who are willing to get involved in putting an event together. So although there are various ideas knocking around for the 2007 programme, the situation is always dynamic and opportunistic.

Possible topics for next year include:

- Coping with PPS3
- Planning for the Public Realm
- Dealing with Nimbyism
- Developments in Waste Planning
- Retailing and Town Centre issues

If any of these topics appeal, or you want to suggest others and sponsor or volunteer to take the lead in pulling an event together, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Paula Nolan at the Regional Office in the first instance.

Mick McLoughlin
MJM Planning, Low Cost CPD Co-ordinator for the Yorkshire Region



NOTICE OF NEW STAFF **MEMBER**

YPA is pleased to welcome Jim Rogers as the new Caseworker for the Yorkshire region. Jim will be working three days per week, Monday to Wednesday, and can be contacted via the Helpline on 0870 850 9808. More info. in the next edition.

RTPI – The Institute for the Planning Professional

Join the RTPI and become a member of one of the largest and most influential planning organisations in the world. RTPI (Royal Town Planning Institute) is a dynamic organisation leading the way in the creation of places that work now and in the future.

RTPI understands that just as people develop places, places develop people. We are committed to the enhancement of our natural and human environment.

Good planning combines an awareness of the competing pressures on our built environment with an ability to manage the very real effects on our space.

Through its membership, the RTPI constantly seeks to create areas and places in which people want to live and work.

Benefits of membership include:

Continuing Professional Development – The RTPI offers conferences, seminars, lectures, and online learning to help planning professionals keep up-to-date with the latest developments and thinking.

Networking – Through our Regions and Nations or Networks and Associations you can meet fellow planners locally, nationally or in topic based e-groups.

Career support – Throughout your career the RTPI is there to support you with information and advice ranging from setting up your own business to resolving staffing and management issues.

Information – Through our website, library, publications and associated periodicals you can stay in touch with the latest developments in planning.

Promoting Planning – The RTPI works with Government, NGOs, business, academia and the public to promote planning that is for the benefit of all society.

Planning magazine – A free subscription to the UK's leading built environment periodical worth £99.

Whatever your role in planning, the RTPI can benefit you.

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RTPI Rural Planning Low Cost Event

RTPI Yorkshire Branch hosted an afternoon seminar on Rural Planning on 22nd November. The event formed part of the low cost series and was free to attend, thanks to funding from the Branch and sponsorship of light refreshments from Acorus.

The aim of the seminar was to provide an overview on the current issues affecting rural planning. The event was chaired by Patrick Sutor and keynote speakers were Mike Barmingham from Natural England, Mick Robson from Acorus and Patrick Earle from Richmondshire. The event was held in Northallerton, a last minute venue change that thankfully did not affect the event.

Mike Barmingham provided an extremely useful overview on the newly formed Natural England explaining the internal structure and their key aims and objectives.

Mick Robson from Acorus provided an overview of the issues affecting the private sector illustrating his presentation with some useful case examples.

Patrick Earle provided an overview of the policies Richmondshire have within their local plan to deal with rural issues; he again used some informative case studies as examples.

The broad range of speakers enabled all sectors to be represented and some quite lively debate followed in the discussion session. The event was well attended by both the private and public sector.

I would like to thank all those for their help in organising the event, along with the Speakers and attendees who hopefully found the event informative.

If you have any ideas for future low cost events or would like to volunteer to sponsor an event or be a speaker please contact:

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RTPI National Young Planners Conference 2006 – ‘Manchester united in sport and design’



The 10th Annual RTPI National Young Planners Conference took place at the Manchester Conference Centre on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th October

2006. With the themes of Planning for Sport and Successful Urban Design, Manchester was the obvious choice to host such an event.

The conference started off on Friday with exhibitions from the key sponsors and a welcome to the conference, the North West region and the City of Manchester from Diana Thompson (Chair of the Young Planners Steering Group), Professor Michael Hebbert (The University of Manchester), Dave Brettell (Group Leader of Forward Planning and Regeneration at Manchester City Council) and Bob May (Chair of NW RTPI Regional Activity Committee).



Key speakers on the Friday included:-

- Matthew Rushton from Sport England on the ‘Contribution of Sport to Building Safe, Strong and Sustainable Communities’
- Robert Deanwood from Entec on the ‘Spatial Planning Strategy for Sport’
- Jane Deane from New East Manchester Ltd on the ‘Eastlands and Sport City Case Studies’
- Pete Bradshaw from Manchester City FC on the ‘Sustainability of the Commonwealth Games Stadium’ and
- Simon Castle, Chief Planning Officer from Trafford MBC on ‘Planning for Sport with Private Sector Partners’



The Friday conference session was followed by a social event which involved lots of eating, drinking and partying at the Grinch in Manchester organised by Judd

Farris.

The Saturday morning session was chaired by Chris Standish, Development Manager at Elevate East Lancashire and key speakers included:-

- Andrew Ashall from the North West Regional Assembly on the ‘North West Best Practice Design Guide’
- Andrew Thomson and Ruth White from Broadway Malyan on ‘Community Involvement in Urban Design’
- Steve Sanham from Urban Splash on ‘Innovative Housing Design’
- Ian Simpson from Ian Simpson Architects on ‘Buildings to Inspire People’
- Andy Spracklen and Andrew Jones from EDAW on ‘Plan led Design for World Class Sport’

The afternoon session involved a series of Study Tours including a Walking Tour of the Northern Quarter and the New Islington Millennium Community by Urban Splash, Tour of the Manchester United FC Training Facilities at Carrington by BDP and a Tour of the Commonwealth Games Stadium and Sport City.

The Saturday session came to an end once again with a social event and lots of pre dinner drinks sponsored by White Young Green and the Young Planners Dinner sponsored by Turley Associates and a speech from Janet O’Neill (Junior Vice President, RTPI).

This very successful and enjoyable two day conference, which attracted over 150 planners under the age of 35 was organised by the RTPI and the RTPI North West Region. The event was sponsored by a number of public and private sector organisations including the North West Regional Assembly, Halton Borough Council, White Young Green,



King Sturge, EDAW-AECOM, Turley Associates, BDP and Judd Farris.

For further information on the Young Planners Network (YPN) or to join YPN please email

young.planners@rtpi.org.uk or visit www.rtpi.org.uk

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Student Work Experience at White Young Green



Liz Wells, second year Master of Town Planning Undergraduate Student at The University of Manchester takes us through her experience of working with planners for a week at White Young Green in Leeds and tells Root & Branch why she has chosen a career in planning.

What made you chose a degree course in Town Planning at University and what do you enjoy about your course?

Initially having an interest in Architecture, during my GCSEs I went on a work placement to an Architects office, this involved me preparing technical drawings, meeting clients, going on site visits and sitting in on meetings. Although I did enjoy this placement I felt architecture was too specific for wanted I wanted to do.

During sixth form I studied Graphics, Geography and English Language to A Level. When it came to choosing a degree course I wanted to keep elements

of both the Graphics and Geography which I had enjoyed as well as incorporating aspects of architecture. This led to me finding out about Town and Country planning, a profession which I felt included all these elements and more.

I am about to begin my third year of a four year undergraduate course which has already proved to be interesting and exciting. The course enjoys lots of field trips in and around Manchester, one to Snowdonia National Park and one to Amsterdam, as part of the European Law module. Being a small department of sixty means there is a great social scene amongst the students. We even managed to organise our first Christmas Ball this year an event which looks set to become a permanent fixture!

So what was it like working as a planner during your week long experience at White Young Green in Leeds?

Having previously worked at an Architects and a Local Planning Authority in North Yorkshire, and a planning consultancy in Manchester, this week has been a chance for me to experience a more multi-disciplined firm and it has been interesting to compare public and private sector work. With a wide range of inter disciplinary work, I have been able to do a broad range of work this week which has included; policy work on a major retail study, a series of site visits in North Yorkshire, albeit on very wet days!, as well as attending a meeting to discuss a major waterfront scheme in West Yorkshire.

It was interesting to see at WYG the fact that the planners don’t work in isolation as in other companies but that the department works closely with other professionals such as engineers, environmental consultants and surveyors.

So what are your plans for the future?

I graduate from Manchester in 2008, set to pursue a career in planning. At the moment it is the private sector which interests me the most and the area which I would like to work in once I obtain my degree. From this weeks work experience I am undecided as to whether it’ll be purely a planning consultancy or a multi disciplinary firm such as WYG, I have enjoyed both, but can see the benefits of inter disciplinary work in the long term. Being born and bred in Yorkshire and studying in Manchester I definitely know that I’ll be staying up North be it the East or West.

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