



## THE NAPE VISION

The NAPE Vision is a set of goals set in front of us; like a line of trees on the top of the next rise to climb on a hillside or a row of iconic buildings on a far horizon. Our view will also be dependent upon the prevailing climate, both economic and political. As the sunshine of prosperity gives way to the rain storm of recession we will be tempted to keep our heads down and pace firmly along a known path. Within the fog of political inaction it may be difficult to see a clear way ahead. In all this we will remember “to thine ownself be true” and bear in mind the guiding principles of NAPE.

We will **Negotiate, Advise, Protect** – and only then, fittingly last, **Enforce**.

Our Vision sees a modern legislative framework supported by up to date guidance and policies.

### **We will seek legislative changes to introduce:**

- A requirement upon local planning authorities to establish and maintain a sufficient scheme to ensure the enforcement of planning controls.
- A requirement upon local planning authorities to establish and maintain condition monitoring and compliance teams to ensure that what is given planning permission is what is actually developed.
- A requirement upon any body having the authority to issue planning permissions to take advice on and pay due regard to the enforcement of conditions attached to such permissions.
- The requirement to make retrospective permissions for unauthorised work that is acceptable or could be made acceptable by conditions.
- The eradication of legal loop holes that allow multiple planning applications to be made for what is essentially the same development.

**We will look to local planning authorities to provide:**

- A career structure for planning enforcement officers that is fully integrated into the development management process.
- Generic and specialist training opportunities for planning enforcement officers where the current standard of qualification is below that of others in the development management team.
- Opportunities from planning enforcement officers to contribute at every stage of the plan making process and in the actualisation of those policies in the built environment.

**We will look to national government to provide:**

- Clear indicators of performance to assist decision-making without negatively impacting upon performance.
- Clear policy guidance written in consultation with practitioners and reflecting the reality of day to day problems and solutions.
- Clear information to the public and professionals as to the scope of planning enforcement and how the community can best engage with that process.
- Clear guidelines to the courts as to the seriousness of breaches of planning control.

**We look to the Royal Town Planning Institute to:**

- Ensure the continued growth of NAPE with administrative and financial support.
- Provide media opportunities for NAPE to bring the work of planning enforcement to the attention of a greater audience.
- Consider the impact of planning enforcement in all its policy submissions.
- Recognise with an appropriate designation the non-corporate members of the RTPI engaged in planning enforcement.