

RTPI NORTH WEST UPDATE 2010 PROGRAMME



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HOW TO PLAN POSITIVELY FOR THE FUTURE HEALTH OF TOWN CENTRES

Wednesday 24th February, Floral Hall, Southport

This event explores the intricacies of retail planning and retail development and how to plan positively for the future health of established centres in these challenging times. The course will include a series of presentations and workshops dealing with important topics such as: how to prepare baseline evidence for LDFs; the implications of the current recession and what this means for retail development in the short to medium term; the implications of emerging government guidance (Draft PPS4); how retailers and developers requirements will shape the future of retail development; and whether the growth of retail sales on the internet clearly threaten the future health of our high streets? There will also be a study tour in the afternoon looking at the future challenges faced by Southport in its bid to develop its role as one of the North West's key coastal towns whilst meeting the future retail needs of its local community in the face of increased competition within the sub-region.

PLANNING LAW UPDATE

Monday 1st March, Lancashire County Cricket Club, Manchester

As well as having to grapple with issues associated with the state of the property market, the development industry and planning authorities are having to deal with a constant flow of new and amended policy and law. Keeping up to date with so many important changes, whilst trying to do the day job, is increasingly difficult. 2010's Planning Law Update will seek to ensure that you are up to date and are aware of key developments and emerging trends and themes.

HOUSING UPDATE – THE FUTURE OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday 24th March, Chester Race Course

This event will examine issues surrounding current housing policy and provision. It will consider whether current policies, many written during times of rising house prices and a buoyant housing industry are still appropriate, and whether the impacts of the present credit crisis will impact on the ability of the private and public sectors to deliver an appropriate supply of market and affordable housing.

HERITAGE

Tuesday 13th April, Cunard Building, Liverpool

A timely update in the evolving heritage context of the emerging PPS15. The event will explore current themes (and good practice) such as how heritage planning responds to the climate change imperative, how it contributes to regeneration, and how it meets the challenge of encouraging creative design in historic environments.

RENEWABLES & 'ZERO CARBON' DEVELOPMENT – ENERGY ISSUES IN PLANNING

Wednesday 28th April, Eversheds, Manchester

The ever-evolving world of renewable energy and energy efficiency is especially challenging for planners trying to formulate robust plan policies in line with current knowledge, and to carry that forward into development management decisions. This event, organised jointly with NWDA/4NW/EnviroLink Northwest, gives you the chance to make sure you are up to date with current best practice and policy guidance.

URBAN DESIGN: TOOLS & TECHNIQUES

Thursday 6th May, Liverpool Hilton

A one day practical training course, designed to introduce town planners to urban design tools and techniques relevant to common town planning tasks such as townscape analysis, the appraisal of masterplans and planning applications, the development of planning and development briefs and briefing the public and Members on urban design principles and national standards.

PLANNER SKILLS – HOW TO COPE WITH THE LDF PROCESS

Thursday 20th May, BDP, Manchester

This planning skills NW Update event will focus on LDF progression, looking at how to address the difficulties of managing a range of statutory and non-statutory documents at the same time, and advancing these towards and through examination. It will be of interest to planners from both the public and private sectors and will be run in an inclusive and engaging way, learning from one another's experiences and sharing best (and worst!) practice.

RURAL UPDATE

Wednesday 9th June, The Midland Hotel, Morecambe

Protected landscapes are about people caring for the past, present and future of special places. It is now 60 years since the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act (1949) was passed, to enable the designation of national parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The North West is fortunate in having a varied cross section of protected landscapes and well placed to develop good practice both in planning and land management. The elements of public policy, legislation and guidance that govern protected landscapes urgently require review and clarification, if they are to address the economic, environmental and social challenges of 2010.

ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

Thursday 22nd September, Halliwell Jones Stadium, Warrington

This event is for enforcement officers, planners interested in enforcement and those from the private sector wanting to understand how enforcement works in practice. A range of speakers have been invited to give an update on recent case law and practices as well as problems facing enforcement on a wider scale as well as contributions from specialists. This is always a well attended and worthwhile event and will be just as valuable this year.

PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Tuesday 12th October, Eversheds, Manchester

The role of infrastructure planning in plan preparation has proved a challenging development in the post 2004 spatial planning world. Here we will look at developing experience and good practice in emerging Development Plan Documents, with updates on the future of the Community Infrastructure Levy and major infrastructure planning post-May 2010.

INVOLVING COMMUNITIES IN PLANNING - CONSULTATION TO PARTICIPATION

Wednesday 20th October, BDP, Manchester

Planners are aware of the statutory requirements – and the plethora of government initiatives – around consulting with communities. But lift the lid on ‘communities’ and you find a wide range of people with differing needs. If we can make the process more meaningful and participatory for people from different backgrounds this should lead to better-informed plans – and planners. This seminar provides a useful refresher on government requirements and gives an insight into how other professionals are consulting using participatory methods. It also provides the opportunity to speak to and get a perspective from community workers specializing in working with marginalised and minority groups.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Wednesday 24th November, Cunard Building, Liverpool

The Development Management Update will summarise and explain the implications of relevant case law, legislation and policy changes over the last twelve months, and look ahead to forthcoming changes and their potential impact on the decision making process. This Update course provides an invaluable knowledge base for both public and private sector delegates involved in all aspects of the Development Management process.

BIODIVERSITY PLANNING POLICY & SOIL (HALF DAY)

Thursday 11th February, Wigan Oak Hotel, Wigan

An opportunity to explore and update our understanding of the importance of soil as one of the building blocks of life, alongside air and water. The event will briefly examine the recently published soil strategy in England; consider the draft policy on soils produced by Natural England, on which consultation closed at the end of 2009, and discuss the development of a new toolkit for planners on how they should take soil and its functions into account at the local level.

COMMUNITY RESEARCH IN WARRINGTON: LINKING POLICY & PRACTICE (HALF DAY)

Thursday 18th February, University of Manchester

Consultation and community engagement are key aspects of planning. To do these well, we have to engage people in ways that add real value, while not spending too much on a process that is long, expensive or uncomfortable. This seminar discusses the Participatory Appraisal approach, which acknowledges that people are experts about their own areas. It has proved effective in urban and rural planning contexts around the world. This year, the presenters developed teams of community researchers to support Area Planning in Warrington. They will discuss this work and a further short case study. There will be a participation exercise that will involve a short walk close to the University.

DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS (HALF DAY)

Tuesday 9th November, Eversheds, Manchester

In the light of the current recession and this newly refreshed national policy approach of PPS4 this ½ day workshop will look at development economics. It will explore the economic drivers of development and the increasing scrutiny that project viability is under, from first appraisals of development potential to Value Engineering of approved schemes. The on-going process of re-appraisal of schemes viability will be examined and how this effects negotiations and approaches to planning developments. The workshop will include all forms of development including housing and the increasingly common practice of re-structuring S.106 obligations and requirements to allow developments to proceed viably.

BOOKING INFORMATION

Season Ticket A – 20% discount on the purchase of 12 places. This ticket can be used to block book attendance at a single event or to book places at several events.

Season Ticket B – 10% discount on the purchase of 6 places. This ticket can be used to block book attendance at a single event or to book places at several events.

When booking half day conferences as part of a season ticket - **2 half day events can be booked as equal to one full day event.**

Subsidised Places – limited £20 tickets are available for RTPI members who are registered unemployed, or for students in full time education on an RTPI accredited course. Half price tickets are also available for retired members and those returning to work.

Cancellations must be received in writing at least 7 days before the event or may be subject to a £20 cancellation fee. No refund will be given for non-attendance. Substitutions are acceptable if notice is given 7 days before the original event. Bookings are non-transferable between Programmes.

BOOKING PROCEDURE

Please fill in the form below, indicating payment method preferred. Single tickets are available at a cost of £85 per person + VAT = £99.87. With half day tickets, including lunch, at a cost of £45 per person + VAT=£52.87.

To book places or seek further information:

Ring Bev Watson on 0161 969 3815

Email northwest@rtpi.org.uk or go **online** to <http://northwest.rtpi.org.uk>

Fax the form to 0161 969 3815 or **post** to the address below

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I / we would like to book the following:		
Season Ticket A (20% discount)	12 tickets at £816 + VAT = £958.75	<input type="checkbox"/>
Season Ticket B (10% discount)	6 tickets at £459 + VAT = £539.30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Single Ticket	One ticket at £85 + VAT = £99.87	<input type="checkbox"/>
Half Day Ticket	One ticket at £45 +VAT = £52.87	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please book the following events, indicating the number of places you wish to book at each event:		
24 th Feb	Town Centres	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 st March	Planning Law Update	<input type="checkbox"/>
24 th Mar	Housing Update – the Future of Residential Development	<input type="checkbox"/>
13 th April	Heritage	<input type="checkbox"/>
28 th April	Energy Issues In Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 th May	Urban Design: Tools & Techniques	<input type="checkbox"/>
20 th May	Planner Skills – How to Cope with the LDF Process	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 th June	Rural Update	<input type="checkbox"/>
22 nd Sept	Enforcement Update	<input type="checkbox"/>
12 th Oct	Planning and Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>
20 th Oct	Involving Communities in Planning - Consultation to Participation	<input type="checkbox"/>
24 th Nov	Development Management Update	<input type="checkbox"/>
Half Day Events (12.30-4.30 including lunch)		
11 th Feb	Biodiversity Planning Policy & Soil	<input type="checkbox"/>
18 th Feb	Community Research In Warrington: Linking Policy & Practice	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 th Nov	Development Economics	<input type="checkbox"/>
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All bookings will be acknowledged by email or telephone.		