

# The Minerals Planning Conference

## Mineral Planning for the Future - a system fit for purpose?

### Programme

- 9.30 am Registration**
- 10.00 am Welcome**  
**Tim Crawshaw MRTPI** – President, RTPI
- 10.10 am Keynote address - 75 years of a curate's buffet**  
Nigel Jackson reflects on his 40+ years experience with the mineral planning system and the opportunities, challenges and solutions that lie ahead in the future  
**Nigel Jackson** - Chief Executive, MPA
- 10.30 am Strategic Planning**  
Since the abolition of regional spatial strategies in 2010, a range of models and approaches to undertake strategic planning have been attempted. Minerals can only be worked where they lie. Planning across administrative boundaries is essential in making adequate provision for minerals to be supplied where and when they are consumed. However, the mechanisms available are generally weak and ineffective with supply routinely being assumed. For construction aggregates, the Managed Aggregates Supply System (MASS) provides measures for strategic planning for aggregates, but key components have suffered serious neglect in recent years. Speakers will provide an update of policy work at the Department of Levelling-up, Housing & Communities, and overview of measures and options to achieve better strategic planning and their relevance to minerals planning.
- Christina Davey MRTPI** - Team Leader Minerals & Waste, Department of Levelling-up, Housing & Communities  
**Catriona Riddell FRTPI** - Catriona Riddell Associates  
**Chair: Harry Steele** - Infrastructure specialist, RTPI
- 11.30 am Morning break**
- 12.00 pm Delivery - Resourcing, skills & practice**  
Mineral planning authorities, like most public bodies, have experienced unprecedented pressures on staffing and resources over the last few decades or so. At the same time, the amount and complexity of information now being requested, and overall scale of workloads, seem to be increasing in both development management and policy. Many organisations are finding it difficult to recruit and retain skilled staff to implement a system under strain. Are there enough mineral planners and do they have the skills required? Presentations will include recent research undertaken by the RTPI on alternative models for resourcing planning delivery.

experiences of recruitment, retention and delivery, and an overview of common issues arising at mineral plan examinations and how these have been resolved.

**Lisa Kirby-Hawkes MRTPI** - Development Planning Manager,  
Hampshire County Council

**Harry Steele** - Infrastructure specialist, RTPi

**Sam Thistlethwaite** – Director, IC Planning

**Chair: David Payne** - Senior Planning Advisor, MPA

1.00 pm

**Lunch**



2.00 pm

**Legal update - The Environment Act - practical effects now and in the medium term - sponsored by No5 Chambers**

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**Richard Kimblin QC** – Barrister, No5 Chambers

**Nina Pindham** – Barrister, No5 Chambers

3.00 pm

**Afternoon break**

3.15 pm

**Marine aggregates, silica sand and dimension stone**

Mineral planning is about more than land-won aggregates of course. Supplies of marine-dredged aggregates are increasingly important, particularly in areas where land-won reserves and resources are becoming depleted or constrained and while subject to a separate planning and licensing regime, depend on adequate infrastructure for bringing ashore and distribution. Planning for industrial minerals such as silica sand, and for building stone involves specific considerations and an understanding of the different markets for materials. Speakers will provide perspectives from the different sectors and the planning issues that need to be addressed.

**Nick Everington** - Portfolio Manager, The Crown Estate

**Nick Horsley** - Director of Planning, Industrial Minerals & Wales, MPA

**Richard Page** - Managing Director, Burlington Stone

**Chair: Mark Russell** - Executive Director - Planning, Mineral Resources & BMAPA, MPA

4.15 pm

**Closing remarks**

**Mark Russell** - Executive Director - Planning, Mineral Resources & BMAPA, MPA

4.25 pm

**Conference end and networking drinks**

5.15 pm

**Event close**