



RTPI WEST MIDLANDS CPD PROGRAMME 2020

Our 10 CPD events will keep you up-to-date with the latest in planning and provide the opportunity to network with other planning and built environment professionals.

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The RTPI West Midlands annual CPD programme provides a local, affordable CPD programme for members in the West Midlands.

Undertaking CPD is an important part of maintaining your competence as a professional.

All members of the RTPI (apart from retired members) commit to maintaining and developing their expertise through CPD – the RTPI West Midlands CPD programme can count towards the minimum of 50 hours of CPD activity required of members over 2 year periods.

Early Bird promotion

NEW FOR 2020: 15% discount on CPD bookings* by 28 February 2019

For our 2020 core programme of regional CPD and RTPI Training, the RTPI will be replacing multi-buy tickets with an Early Bird promotion.

Book by 28 February 2020 and you and your organisation will be able to save 15% off ticket prices for most of the core RTPI events we are holding during 2020, in locations where we previously offered a multi-buy programme.

To take advantage of the offer, and to place your bookings for 2020, bookers will need to [**book all events online.**](#)

* Valid across a range of RTPI Regional and RTPI Training events

Ticket prices

- RTPI member: £50 + VAT (**Early Bird rate: £42.50 + VAT**)*
- Non-member: £60 + VAT (**Early Bird rate: £51.00 + VAT**)*
- RTPI student member: £20 + VAT

*Valid for bookings made before 28 February 2020



How to book

Bookings must be made through the RTPI website [here](#). You can click on the titles of the events below to be taken to the relevant booking page.

All event bookings of £500 or less inclusive of VAT are now via debit or credit card payment only.

Those wishing to make a purchase of in excess of £500 plus VAT may request an invoice. Please [get in touch](#) to request this.

Terms and Conditions:

1. Payment must be in advance.
2. If you are not able to attend:
 - We can accept a substitute delegate at any time.
 - We can give you a refund if you cancel in writing at least seven days before the conference date.
 - We cannot give refunds for cancellations after this, or for non-arrival.
3. For reasons beyond our control, we may have to change the content or timing of the programme, the speakers, the date or the venue.
4. In the unlikely event that the event is cancelled, we will make a full refund but disclaim any further liability.
5. Booked delegates who fail to attend their event without notifying the Regional Coordinator in advance may be subject to an administration charge.
6. Bookings may not be carried over to the following year's programme.

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The importance of planning for an ageing population

Date: Tuesday, 14 January 2020

Time: 9.30am – 14.00pm

Venue: 321 Bradford St (Ground floor), Birmingham B5 6ET

One hundred years ago, the average life expectancy for men and women was 55 and 59 respectively. Thanks to advances in medicine, technology, diet and lifestyle, things look very different today. As a result, the number of older people in the UK is growing significantly and this rate of growth is projected to speed up significantly over the next 20 years. The latest government data projects that by 2032 there will be five million people over eighty living in the UK.

This seminar will contain presentations from the RTPI, a local planning authority, a leading developer and a university lecturer, who will explore the importance of planning for an ageing population.

Learning outcomes:

- Gain an understanding of the varying requirements older people may have of their housing
- Understand the perspectives of local planning authorities and developers on the importance of and challenges in planning for an ageing population
- Understand planning policy concerning planning for an ageing population



Core CPD Framework:

- Health & Inclusive Planning
- Housing

Planning law updates

(Spring)

Date: Tuesday, 17 March 2020

Time: 9.30am – 14.00pm

Hosted by: DLA Piper LLP, Victoria Square, Birmingham B2 4DL

(Autumn)

Date: Tuesday, 17 November 2020

In line with previous years in 2020, two planning law updates seminars will be held. Again we are grateful to DLP Piper for hosting the events and for providing excellent speakers along with representatives from No. 5 Chambers. The sessions will provide an overview of national planning legislative, changes were applicable and an update on the implications of recent appeal/high court decisions. In addition a detailed legal review of



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specific issues relating to planning will be undertaken which are considered topical at the time of the session. This CPD event is suitable for all involved in the planning process and for people working within the public and private sector.

Learning outcomes:

- Remain up-to-date with the latest developments in planning legislation
- Hear about the latest case law
- Review the impact and significance of the latest case law and appeals



Core CPD Framework:

- Planning Law & Process

Unlocking infrastructure to facilitate development

Date: Wednesday, 25 March 2020

Time: 9.30am – 14.00pm

Hosted by: Pinsent Masons, 55 Colmore Row, Birmingham B3 2FG

This talk will discuss the unlocking of infrastructure to facilitate development. With HIF as the new kid on the block proving a great success, alongside the devolution agenda, funding is percolating to the ground through a variety of different methods. This session will discuss the different approaches to attracting funding and delivering infrastructure to enable development.

Learning outcomes:

- Understand what the HIF (Housing Infrastructure Fund) is and how it can be used to deliver housing
- Understand how infrastructure can be used to deliver housing
- Learn about the various funding sources available to enable the delivery of infrastructure and housing



Core CPD Framework:

- Infrastructure Planning & Economic Development
- Housing



Community engagement

Date: Thursday, 30 April 2020

Time: 9.30am – 14.00pm

Hosted by: No5 Barristers' Chambers, Fountain Court, Steelhouse Ln, Birmingham B4 6DR

This WM RTPI CPD is suitable for all of those working or with an interest in the built environment sector, particularly planners, landscape architects, surveyors, architects and other consultants and local authority workers. It will cover the basics of how to better engage with communities during the planning process and successful case studies.

Participants will be working practically towards developing community-centred briefs for those involved in projects that interact with the public, whether through engagement exercises or getting people to design and build their own homes. We will be focusing on the concept of 'community as expert'.

Participants will explore a range of engagement approaches from inspiring examples covering co-design workshops, digital platforms, community-led housing design, and immersive methods to expand their repertoire on how to engage in a meaningful, transparent, responsive and extensive manner.

Learning outcomes:

- Gain an understanding of how to effectively engage communities in the planning process
- Learn how to develop community-centred briefs for planning projects
- Learn a variety of techniques for engaging communities in the planning process



Core CPD Framework:

- Championing Planning

Planning and retailing

Date: Tuesday, 19 May 2020

Time: 9.30am – 14.00pm

Venue: 321 Bradford St (Ground floor), Birmingham B5 6ET

From the 1970s for some four decades new retail developments created many challenges for the planning profession. Changes in the socio-economic structure of the UK reflected in such factors as greater personal mobility with increasing car ownership, larger number of women in the workforce, greater affluence, world-wide travelling etc. promoted greater suburbanisation of retail development as central areas became congested and inaccessible.

Mirroring shopping developments gaining credence in North America (malls) and mainland Europe (hypermarkets and retail warehouses) the traditional structure of UK retailing came under increasing examination. Established spatial hierarchical patterns



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were rigorously examined as retailers and developers sought planning permissions, often involving planning inquiries. Whilst new retail developments have not totally been abandoned the focus for planners has become increasingly on how to stem the impact of on-line retailing on the physical fabric of the existing retail structure in many areas, both in-town and suburban facilities.

This seminar will seek to examine where and how planning can contribute to accommodating the changing demands presented by consumer behaviour and business requirements including on what policies should be focussed in the future.

Learning outcomes:

- Gain an understanding of the changing patterns of consumer behaviour since the 1970s and how this has affected the requirements of current and future retail developments
- Assess how planning can accommodate this change in consumer behaviour and business requirements
- Assess current planning policy regarding retail developments and possible future policy developments



Core CPD Framework:

- Infrastructure Planning & Economic Development

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Planning in a time of rapid climate change

Date: Wednesday, 10 June 2020

Time: 9.30am – 14.00pm

Hosted by: Birmingham City University, 4 Cardigan St, Birmingham B4 7BD

This seminar takes an interdisciplinary perspective on climate change impacts and how planning and management across the sectors need to change accordingly. The content is suitable for public and private sector professionals and especially planning professionals in strategic positions, policy development, development control and landscape scale planning. It highlights the dangers of simply carrying on with business as usual and provides overarching principles and elicits specific examples of climate change mitigation and adaptation approaches and likely barriers.

Learning outcomes:

- Enhance your understanding of climate change impacts across different sectors and built and natural environment interests
- Recognise the need for integrated and environmentally aware policies and actions and how existing national policies and guidance facilitate (or hinder) this
- Gain valuable insights on champions of climate change adaptation and mitigation policies and actions at the regional and local scale



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Core CPD Framework:

- Environmental Planning

Digbeth: evolution

Date: Thursday, 25 June 2020

Time: 9.30am – 14.00pm

Venue: 321 Bradford St (Ground floor), Birmingham B5 6ET

Digbeth - Birmingham's cool creative quarter is on the cusp of a major evolution through significant private investment development proposals and Birmingham City Council's emerging Masterplan. Through a range of speakers, this session will help you understand the 24/7 Digbeth of the future, why change is important and more about the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. An optional 'hidden Digbeth' walking tour will be run in the afternoon.

Learning outcomes:

- Gain an understanding of the future proposed for Digbeth by Birmingham City Council's emerging Masterplan
- Learn about the private investment that is being made in Digbeth and the resulting development
- Gain insight into the potential challenges and opportunities that lie in Digbeth's evolution

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Core CPD Framework:

- Infrastructure Planning & Economic Development

CIL and s106

Date: Thursday, 8 October 2020

Time: 9.30am – 14.00pm

Hosted by: Pinsent Masons, 55 Colmore Row, Birmingham B3 2FG

This session will consider the latest developments with respect to policy, guidance and best practice in relation to section 106 agreements and the development and implementation of CIL, particularly mindful of the West Midlands context. With complex large scale projects coming forward all the time and section 106 agreements becoming more and more multifaceted, this session will seek to demystify those issues to help unlock development.



Learning outcomes:

- Receive an update on the latest developments with respect to policy, guidance and best practice in relation to s106 agreements and CIL
- Gain an understanding on how s106 agreements can be applied to large scale developments
- Understand the relationship between CIL and s106 in delivering development



Core CPD Framework:

- Infrastructure Planning & Economic Development

Urban design

Date: Tuesday, 1 December 2020

Time: 9.30am – 14.00pm

Hosted by: No5 Barristers' Chambers, Fountain Court, Steelhouse Ln, Birmingham B4 6DR

What role does urban design play in planning? The purpose of this event is to discuss the role of urban design in planning, when and where does it feature in the planning process.

Learning outcomes:

- Gain an understanding of the role urban design plays in the planning process



Core CPD Framework:

- Design
- Planning Law & Process



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RTPI Training offers professionals in the planning environment a programme of tailored training courses. All courses are delivered as one-day masterclasses, offering a mixture of skills and knowledge, theory and practice to make sure you have an in-depth understanding of the course topic and practical skills to take back to your workplace at the end of the course.

Ticket prices

- RTPI member: £249 + VAT
- RTPI member concession: £149 + VAT*
- Non-member: £359 + VAT
- RTPI non-member concession: £259 + VAT*

*Limited availability

Early bird discount of 15% if you book by the end of February 2020

Time and venue

All RTPI Training courses in the West Midlands are held from **09.00am – 16.00pm** at **Etc. venues**, Maple House, 150 Corporation Street, Birmingham, B4 6TB.

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Developers and viability: introduction

Date: Wednesday, 26 February 2020

Planning law and practice

Date: Thursday, 27 February 2020

Developers and viability: advanced

Date: Thursday, 10 September 2020

Heritage and conservation: making better places

Date: Tuesday, 15 September 2020

Communication skills for planners

Date: Thursday, 15 October 2020

Planning and design: making better places

Date: Thursday, 5 November 2020

Business skills for planners

Date: Tuesday, 8 December 2020

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