

RTPI South West CPD Programme for 2020 now launched!

As incoming Chair, it forms part of my role to instigate the next years CPD programme. For 2020 I am responding to your feedback provided from previous CPD events whilst highlighting the importance of Climate Change as part of the evolving national planning agenda.

Sir David Attenborough and Climate Activist Greta Thunberg have had significantly positive affects causing us all to think more about our effect on climate change. They remind us of the influence we can have as an individual and particularly through our work to shape and prepare our built and natural environment for the future.

In 2020, RTPI South West reflects this key principle by placing 'Climate Change' as our golden thread theme of our CPD programme with a view of interpreting its importance in all areas of our practice. Whilst you will see popular topics such as Housing, Transport, Heritage, Design and Planning Law in our programme, each event will discuss, debate and learn from case studies on how planning can and will have an influence on this issue and how we as practitioners can keep striving for betterment.

In 2020 you will see a mix of...

Conferences

Multiple speaker events which focus on the latest updates, current issues and relevant case studies such as Planning Law updates. May include breakout workshops.

Seminars

Less speakers with a focus on practical and technical subjects. The day will allow for more discussion, feedback and may include a variety of workshops.

CPD Days

The return of the popular multiple choice day. You will be able to choose what sessions you would like to attend and tailor the day directly to your professional CPD needs

Study Tours/Networking events/

Informal CPD that may take place on a site with a presentation and tour. Details of these events will be released during 2020 and most likely to take place in the warmer months.

Dawn de Vries

Sedgemoor District Council
RTPI South West Chair 2020

Minerals and Waste - The silent planning partner? Managing supply and demand in a sustainable context.

Supported by the CIWM and MPA

Wednesday 5 February

Somerset County Cricket Ground, Taunton

In the current climate change agenda the focus on conservation and reducing consumption is a key ambition to carbon reduction. Minerals and Waste as a specialised field can be viewed separately from planning although all development could restrict access to limited resources and produce waste which will need to be processed. Has planning got the right approach to this area or is more co-ordination required across the board in order to achieve the most sustainable outcome? This conference aims to provide an overview of Mineral and Waste Plans, the relationship of these to supply and demand issues and a review on challenges and considerations in mineral, waste and planning applications, long term restoration and 'reuse'.

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This was the first time I have attended the RTPI CPD day. Being able to pick the topics most relevant to your interest's means that you get the most out of the whole day and the smaller groups in each workshop mean that the event is much more interactive.

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delegate
fees until
28 Feb 2020

Forthcoming Events 2020 cont...

Intervention overload? – Development Management and Planning Law update with Ashfords

Tuesday 4 March

The Mercure Rougemont, Exeter

The legislative and legal framework for Development Management appears permanently in flux. Amongst the UK/EU debates, new legislation and wealth of permitted development rights to increase housing delivery and streamline the planning process, do these interventions work and do they result in appropriate homes or are we reaching intervention overload?

This conference aims to review recent Development Management updates to highlight what climate change means for planners, changes in legislation and interpretation, reviewing the “good, the bad and the ugly”; permitted development rights for residential use and use of conditions from the developer perspective.

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Is integrating low carbon transport into the planning process procedurally possible or flippant fiction?

Sponsored by CIHT and supported by the Transport Planning Society

Thursday 26 March

STEAM in Swindon

With the gradual reduction of greenhouse gases the Transport Sector remains as the highest UK contributor. Expectations and the demands on travel have changed with time and convenience constraining sustainable travel choices. How can planning predict and respond to increasing demand and accessibility whilst decreasing the environmental impacts and achieving ‘better places’?

This conference seeks to review the conflict of Urban Design and Transport planning and what can be done to increase compatibility. There will also be a focus on government response to transport, how this is influencing local transport strategies and a reflection on the challenges of securing ‘better planning, better transport, better places’ against carbon reductions.

The Better planning, better transport, better places advice has been led by CIHT in collaboration with the Transport Planning Society (TPS) and Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI).

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ROOM@RTPI The challenges of delivering Housing and future needs in the current sustainability and political climate

Wednesday 22 April

The Hilton, Bournemouth

With the housing crisis and Governments change in focus from land supply to ‘delivery’ there are political challenges in consenting and delivering ‘faster’ housing designs and concerns as to whether speed and quality are mutually achievable. Amongst the noise of delivery and sustainable construction are we remembering to deliver for future needs?

This seminar seeks to debate the key factors within the housing delivery test, reflect on the primary political challenges in housing delivery and how design innovation can increase sustainability in construction. Consideration will also be given to how planning is meeting the future needs of the population from the older generation to first time buyers.

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I liked the different format in the morning where there was some early on-table discussion to focus the day - this made people more engaged early on.

Forthcoming Events 2020 cont...

Planning for the past: sustainable approaches to archaeology and heritage.

In conjunction with Cifa

Wednesday 20 May 2020

University of Plymouth

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This event, in conjunction with CIFA, will provide an update on recent policy and practice relating to archaeology and the historic environment. The day will focus on three areas relating to the historic environment. In the first session, we will have a presentation refreshing us all on how archaeology fits into the planning process and a second presentation of interesting archaeology-based case studies that highlight the benefits of collaboration. Climate change is a key issue for planning and how it can be addressed in the historic environment will be explored through case studies of managing energy efficiency retrofitting in historic buildings and how flood risk and coastal change affects heritage preservation. The afternoon will focus on cultural heritage and its challenges and opportunities in the planning process, including reflections on Plymouth's museum extension project (The Box) which is opening in 2020 as part of the Mayflower 400 celebrations.

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Design Leadership & Skills

In conjunction with RIBA and Creating Excellence

Tues 23 June

The Rougemont, Exeter

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The National Design Guide launched in October 2019 is a ground breaking move for the Government, aimed at local authorities, developers, and the community level. Local authorities will be expected to develop their own design codes or guides based on the national design code. Local design guides prepared by local planning authorities and neighbourhood planning groups will set out general principles for development, whilst design codes provide specific, illustrated requirements for the physical development of a site.

This event will not answer all the questions but will provide best practice examples from the South West where efforts have begun to embed design considerations into policy and planning determinations. We will reflect on the Future Places, RIBA-led initiative in Greater Exeter and also how the West of England have formed Design West to support the delivery of the Joint Strategic Plan. The afternoon will comprise of workshops on subjects such as Design Code, SuDS and tree planting, Masterplanning, the Climate Emergency and Modular Construction.

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Planning for a Green Future

Supported by Natural England

Wednesday 15 July

Somerset County Cricket Ground, Taunton

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With the publication of the Environment Bill there is an enhanced focus on the importance of biodiversity from all sides with a mandatory duty on developers to provide for a 10% net gain, Local Authorities having a strengthened duty to improve biodiversity when delivering their functions and a new Statutory Body to ensure the proper application of Environmental Law. It is necessary to understand and enhance responses to 'green infrastructure' and biodiversity for developer and authorities alike.

This conference will provide an update on natural environment policy, biodiversity net gain, green infrastructure and nature recovery networks. We will take a look at some of the pragmatic new thinking behind measures to increase, enhance and link habitats through the planning system, illustrated by practical examples of how environmental gains can be achieved and how this can help mitigate and adapt to climate change.

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I really value the opportunity to hear from a wide range of organisations and people.

Forthcoming Events 2020 cont...

Planning in the Channel Islands

24-26 September

Radisson Blu, Jersey

Jersey and Guernsey are situated off the French coast of Normandy and form part of the RTPI south west region. As not part of the UK or EU, it has its own independent laws, elections and representative bodies thereby operating under a different planning system.

The challenges of delivering sustainable development within the confines of an island environment and how supply and demand are managed are particularly pertinent.

This event proposes a CPD event starting on the Thursday evening and finishing with local tours on the Saturday. It will look to include a Planning Law updates specific for the Channel Islands, introduction to the planning system and key differences relative to the UK. This will include planning control extending over territorial waters, the challenges and opportunities this brings particularly when reviewing the challenges of encouraging tourism and managing resources in the climate change agenda. The Bailiwicks are well placed as having signed an Environmental Charter which provides a 10-point agreement including pledges to 'control and reduce the negative impacts of the island's activities on the environment; to contribute to the development of scientific knowledge with regard to island marine environments and to move towards a complete ban on single use plastics'. How is this affecting future development in this area and what lessons can we learn to roll out into the UK planning system?

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Community Engagement and Marginalised Communities

Supported by Planning Aid England

Thursday 8 October The Eden Project, Cornwall

Within Planning, communities can often feel left behind or confused by the process and language. Through the legislation for Neighbourhood planning, ability for neighbourhoods to allocate sites and community right to build orders introduced by the Localism Act 2011 more communities have more influence so why are there still challenges in engagement?

This event will tackle the issue of community engagement, through neighbourhood planning and the planning process. It will also look at the issues facing marginalised communities, including gypsies and travellers, and how we can better engage with them.

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CPD Day

Tuesday 20 October Sandy Park, Exeter

Following the continued success of our flagship CPD day we will again be offering a wide range of workshops on topics which have been specifically requested by RTPI members in the South West. Attendees will be able to choose up to four interactive sessions covering: specialist and technical planning knowledge; key skills for practicing planners; and issues in professional practice. This provides an opportunity for participants to create a programme which is tailored to their specific interests and needs.

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Planning Law Update with Burges Salmon

Wednesday 18 November

Bristol Marriott City Centre Hotel

This seminar will provide an opportunity to reflect on the key changes in planning legislation and case law in light of the BREXIT debate and climate change emergency. This will review current practice and highlight common pitfalls in drafting.

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Challenges of delivering infrastructure

Thursday 3 December

The Guildhall, Bath

The key to delivery of sustainable development is the integration and provision of appropriate infrastructure to meet the needs of any new community and ideally enhance existing provision. With the Housing delivery focus and the financial constraints of development how can authorities and developers seek to provide appropriate infrastructure provision?

This seminar will review the challenges and mechanisms for delivering physical and social infrastructure in the current climate and the importance of joint working to ensure cross authority solutions.

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