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**Members Reception**  
Come along and meet your new RTPI NE regional chair

Early Spring

**RTPI NE Great Bike Ride**  
Not only an excellent day out for exercise and networking but a great opportunity to take in the Northumberland countryside.

Friday 15 May

**Fabian Gray Six-a-side Football Tournament**

Tuesday 9 June

**Planning Excellence Awards Dinner**  
A fantastic evening of networking, great food and entertainment. Join us for our flagship event of the year as we celebrate our Awards for Planning Excellence. With over 230 guests last year, early booking is highly recommended.

Friday 9 October

## UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING & LANDSCAPE - Public Lectures

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## HOW TO BOOK

Bookings must be made through [www.rtpi.org.uk/eventsnortheast](http://www.rtpi.org.uk/eventsnortheast). Alternatively click on the titles of the events listed in this programme be taken to the relevant booking page.

For our 2020 core programme of regional CPD and RTPI Training, an Early Bird Promotion is available. To obtain a 15% discount\* on your bookings you will need to book by 28 February 2020.

Those wishing to make a purchase of in excess of £500 inclusive of VAT and pay by invoice can complete our booking form, which must be received by 5pm on 28 February 2020.

Contact Kim Walker – RTPI NE Regional Co-ordinator on 0207 9298198 or email [kim.walker@rtpi.org.uk](mailto:kim.walker@rtpi.org.uk) to request a form or to discuss your requirements.

RTPI Member (full day events)	£99.00	Early Bird Ticket	£85.00
RTPI Member (half day)	£45.00		£34.50
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Student Tickets*	£35.00		
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# RTPI North East CPD and Events 2020/21 Programme

For planners and built environment professionals

[www.rtpi.org.uk/northeast](http://www.rtpi.org.uk/northeast)

Early Bird tickets offering up to 15% discount on bookings\* made by 28 Feb 2020

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**Local Plans - Best Practice Approaches in a Changing World** **Mon 3 Feb 2020**  
Venue: Crowne Plaza [www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-localplans2020](http://www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-localplans2020)

This seminar is aimed at those preparing a Local Plan in the context of change and uncertainty. Whether 'almost there' or at the early stages of plan making this seminar will examine a number of key issues relating to the development of Local Plans.

**Spring Planning Law Update (half day)** **Mon 9 Mar 2020**  
Venue: Womble Bond Dickinson Offices [www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-springlaw2020](http://www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-springlaw2020)

Planning affects everyone, either directly or indirectly when permission for development is granted. In the present state of uncertainty including the effect of Brexit, it is even more important to keep abreast of changes within the planning law regime.

**FREE Breakfast Seminar - Ethics** **Fri 27 Mar 2020**  
Venue: Newcastle Uni [www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-ethics2020](http://www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-ethics2020)

Ethics is an important element of being a professional planner. It forms a critical element of the Assessment of Professional Competence and is of vital importance throughout our working lives. The seminar will cover the on-line training module on the subject and explore issues such as ethical workplace challenges, conflicts of interest, equality and diversity, professional competency, gifts and hospitality and use of social media. Places are limited so make sure you book early to avoid disappointment.

**Design : Working with the new Practice Guidance** **Wed 1 Apr 2020**  
Venue: Crowne Plaza [www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-design2020](http://www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-design2020)

This seminar will consider the Government position and expectations on design in planning in the context of the recently published National Design Guide and the work of the Building Better, Building Beauty Commission. It will discuss issues of interpretation, capacity and capability in the application of the Guidance to policy making and decision making.

**Wellbeing, Health and Inclusive Planning** **Wed 29 Apr 2020**  
Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Durham [www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-healthandwellbeing2020](http://www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-healthandwellbeing2020)

In recent years the connection between planning and health and wellbeing outcomes has been re-established. With a greater society level understanding and greater openness regarding mental illness and more people living with dementia the need to create places that cater for all is increasingly urgent. Whilst the connection between access to greenspace, active travel opportunities and physical health is well understood, the subtle but fundamental impact of the built environment on mental health requires a deeper understanding of the importance of place, distinctiveness and an environment that supports overall wellbeing.

**Planning for Environmental Impact Assessment** **Wed 20 May 2020**  
Venue: Crowne Plaza [www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-eia2020](http://www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-eia2020)

This seminar will allow delegates to refresh their understanding of managing and planning for EIAs, including key skills and methods for ensuring documents are technically sound whilst remaining proportionate.

**Viability Update** **Mon 8 Jun 2020**  
Venue: Crowne Plaza [www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-viability2020](http://www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-viability2020)

Recent changes to PPG have placed greater emphasis on the role of viability assessments in the plan-making process, increasing the need for planners to understand and engage with viability-related issues. The seminar will seek to clarify what national policy says about viability and the implications for planning professionals of recent changes. Within the context of the current policy environment, the seminar will also provide a summary of Lichfields' research looking at the approach to viability assessments adopted by English local authorities either through Local Plan or CIL adoption processes.

**Breakfast Seminar with Kings Chambers** **Fri 26 Jun 2020**  
Venue: Copthorne Hotel [www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-kingsbreakfast2020](http://www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-kingsbreakfast2020)

Planning in an Uncertain World – Some Topical Issues in a Time of Turmoil  
'We're all stumbling in the dark, and that makes for some pretty interesting collisions.'

**Investing in Heritage... A Risky Business?** **Mon 13 Jul 2020**  
Venue: Newcastle [www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-heritage2020](http://www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-heritage2020)

Managing and investing in our historic environment delivers diverse benefits, not least economic development and regeneration. However, there are inherent risks associated with heritage schemes which can often deter investment or frustrate development proposals. This session will consider how both the risks and opportunities associated with heritage projects can be better understood and addressed through the planning process, to provide greater clarity and opportunities for schemes coming forward.

**FREE Breakfast Seminar (1 of 2) Core Planning Skills: Influencing** **Fri 10 Jul 2020**  
Venue: Copthorne Hotel [www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-skillsinfluencing2020](http://www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-skillsinfluencing2020)

Being a successful planner means being able to influence those around us, using our knowledge and experience. This bitesize seminar will offer advice on key techniques, including how to form convincing planning arguments and how to communicate effectively with others.

**Rural Update 2020 (with RTPI NW)** **Thurs 10 Sept 2020**  
Venue: People First Conference, Carlisle [www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-ruralupdate2020](http://www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-ruralupdate2020)

This full day event will look specifically at the rural planning system, the importance of designated and non-designated landscapes as well as the effective integration and balancing of economic, social and environmental factors in promoting sustainable development of our rural areas. The event will explore a range of rural focussed topics such as Dark Sky Zones, Class Q conversions, accessibility to rural spaces and also AONB's and protected landscapes. There will also be a case law update specifically tailored to rural matters.

**Housing Delivery** **Wed 16 Sept 2020**  
Venue: Crowne Plaza [www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-housingdelivery2020](http://www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-housingdelivery2020)

This seminar will consider how both Councils and Developers are responding to the delivery of housing development in an ever changing economic, political and planning environment. The seminar will also cover how housing developers and Local Authorities approach the planning system, as well as gain an understanding of housing supply mechanisms in a planning context plus much more.

**FREE Breakfast Seminar (2 of 2) Core Planning Skills: Negotiating** **Thurs 24 Sep 2020**  
Venue: Copthorne Hotel [www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-skillsnegotiating2020](http://www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-skillsnegotiating2020)

Far from being a dark art, negotiating reasoned outcomes is key to a planner's role. This bitesize seminar will suggest ways in which planners can build upon their negotiating skills, improve their confidence and make the most out of opportunities to negotiate.

**Autumn Planning Law Update 2020** **Mon 12 Oct 2020**  
Venue: Ward Hadaway Offices [www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-autumnlaw2020](http://www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-autumnlaw2020)

RTPI North East of England Planning Law Update conference at Ward Hadaway attracts over 50 planners from across the Region to hear lawyers and other professional experts present on topical issues facing the industry and to keep up-to-date with the very latest planning legislation.

**Sustainable Development: What do the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals mean for planning?** **Wed 11 Nov 2020**  
Venue: Crowne Plaza [www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-sustainabledevelopment2020](http://www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-sustainabledevelopment2020)

This seminar will consider the increasingly wide adoption and application of the United Nations Sustainability Goals. It will particularly discuss their relationship to planning policy making and the delivery of development. Delegates can expect to; Gain an understanding of the UN SDGs, gain a particular understanding of their potential reflection in an enriching of the making of planning policy and much more.

**Technicalities of Planning** **Wed 25 Nov 2020**  
Venue: Crowne Plaza [www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-technicalities2020](http://www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-technicalities2020)

Our most popular seminar of the year. You will hear from speakers covering a wide range of disciplines associated with decision taking and plan making. Topics such as ecology, flood risk and drainage, noise assessment, green infrastructure/landscaping, community consultation, and legal agreements in planning are likely to be covered. So for a one stop shop on current issues and best practice this conference is a must.

**High Streets of the Future** **Thurs 4 Feb 2021**  
Venue: Newcastle [www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-towncentres2021](http://www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-towncentres2021)

Our town centres are continuing to change, with retailers entering into Company Voluntary Agreements (CVAs) and local authorities faced with the challenge of filling vacant units with new uses. There is a need re-invent their purpose, to provide a wider experience, create new reasons to visit and re-inforce their role at the heart of the local community. This conference will look at these challenges, as well as current trends, the potential opportunities which are emerging from this seismic change and the role of planning policy and guidance in facilitating positive change.

**Transport and Infrastructure – Delivering Better Places** **Wed 24 Feb 2021**  
Venue: Newcastle [www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-transportandinfrastructure2021](http://www.rtpi.org.uk/ne-transportandinfrastructure2021)

The need for infrastructure investment continues to be at the forefront of Government's and prospective government's thinking. In this seminar we delve beneath the headlines to examine the nation and region's infrastructure priorities, we debate if these priorities complement or compete particularly with climate emergencies and decarbonisation rising up the agenda. Crucially for planning, we discuss how we can work in synergy with infrastructure investment.