

Planning and the Environment: Managing Growth Sustainably

London, 15th May 2012

10.15 *Registration and Morning Refreshments*

11.00 **Chair's Introduction**

11.05 **Morning Session: Current and Future Policy**

- How can we safeguard the protection of the natural environment through the planning system?
- Understanding the policy context: The Localism Act 2011, the draft National Planning Policy Framework and The Natural Environment White Paper
- The Green Infrastructure Partnership: designing & developing green infrastructure
- The impact of the Draft Planning Policy Statement: Planning for a Natural and Healthy Environment
- Protecting the Green Belt, Sites of Special Scientific Interest and a new designation
- Neighbourhood planning and protecting green spaces in communities
- Sustainable development: Delivering a low carbon and eco-friendly economy
- Has the planning system got the balance right between pursuing development and protecting the environment?
- Transport infrastructure and the environment

12.05 *Open Discussion and Q&A*

13.05 **Interactive Voting Session**

13.15 *Networking Lunch*

14.00 **Afternoon Session: Policy Into Practice**

- Examples of cross departmental working and engagement between the planning and conservation sector
- Localism in practice: the impact of more control and flexibility for communities through decentralisation
- Engaging the public and key stakeholders in the planning process

15.15 **Chair's Summary**

15.30 **Event Close**

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