

Viability in Local Plans and Planning Decisions

[110 Rochester Row, Victoria, London, SW1P 1JP](#) | Thursday, 12th April 2018

10.15 **Registration & Morning Refreshments**

11.00 **Chair's Introduction**

⇒ **Cllr Ric Pallister OBE**, *Leader, South Somerset District Council*

11.05 **Morning Session: Viability and Local Plans**

- The Government's proposed approach to viability in local plan-making
- Viability and the National Planning Policy Framework
- Key factors to take into account when assessing viability in plan-making
- Improving the way that plans are tested for viability to ensure they are deliverable
- Developing a sound evidence base upon which to make plans
- Viability and promoting development on priority sites
- Learning from others: how different areas approach viability

⇒ **Simon Drummond-Hay**, *Principal, HDH Planning and Development*

⇒ **Anthony Lee**, *Head of UK Development Consultancy, BNP Paribas Real Estate*

⇒ **Mark Behrendt**, *Planning Manager – Local Plans (South & East), Home Builders Federation*

13.00 **Networking Lunch**

13.45 **Afternoon Session: Viability & Decision-making**

- The Government's proposed approach to viability assessment
- Making viability assessments simpler, quicker and more transparent
- Different factors to consider when taking decisions for different types of development
- Considering the viability of planning obligations
- Impact of the Government's proposed changes to Developer Contributions
- Long term developments: when & how to consider changes in values and costs
- Choosing when & how to be flexible with planning requirements
- Working in partnership to make sure developments happen

⇒ **Robert Fourt**, *Partner, Gerald Eve*

⇒ **Gilian Macinnes**, *Planning and Placemaking Advisor, Gilian Macinnes Associates*

⇒ **John Wachter**, *Viability Team Leader, Greater London Authority*

15.30 **Event Close**

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