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Engaging Communities in Planning

Community and Neighbourhood Planning

Wednesday 11 June 2014, 9.30am to 4.30pm

FirstSite, Lewis Gardens, Colchester, Essex, CO1 1JH

This conference, being held in association with Planning Aid England, will appeal to a wide range of people - planners, community development and parish councillors.

It includes presentations on working with communities, how Neighbourhood Plans fit with Local Plans, and sustainability issues.

The morning session will appeal particularly to Planners and professionals involved with Neighbourhood Plans, with presentations on how neighbourhood planning is shaping up and the role of planners and local planning authorities. Neighbourhood Plan experiences will be shared, with presentations from Locality/DCLG (tbc), a local authority and a rural community council, as well as our Chair sharing her experience as an Examiner for NHPs.

The afternoon session will be of interest to Planners, Neighbourhood Planning Groups and Parish Councillors. This session, commencing with an introduction from a representative of Planning Aid, will include case studies of Plans at different stages (near the beginning of the process to Examination) and of a varied nature.

We are very grateful to Ann Skippers, Past President of the RTPI, for agreeing to Chair and make a presentation at this conference on her experience as an Examiner and for helping to facilitate.

There are opportunities in both the morning and afternoon sessions for Q&A and discussion.

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6 June 2014

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PROGRAMME

- 9.30am** *Registration, Tea and Coffee*
- 9.50am** *Welcome and Introduction*
Conference Chair - Ann Skippers, Ann Skippers Planning and Past President of the RTPI
- 10.00am** *Neighbourhood Planning - Colchester Experience*
Beverley McClean, Colchester Borough Council
- 10.35am** *Engaging Communities, Producing Neighbourhood Plans and Community Planning*
Sarah Sapsford/Jan Cole, Rural Community Council of Essex
- 11.10am** *Coffee/Tea*
- 11.25am** *The Picture Nationally - How Neighbourhood Planning is Shaping Up, NP in the East of England, The Role of Planners and Local Planning Authorities*
Miranda Pearce, DCLG
- 12.00pm** *Experiences of the Neighbourhood Process - Examination*
Ann Skippers, Ann Skippers Planning
- 12.35pm** *Q&A/Discussion*
- 1.00pm** *End of Morning Session*
- 1.05pm** *Lunch (for those staying all day) and Networking*
- 1.45pm** *Registration for Afternoon Session*
(for Neighbourhood Planning Groups/Parish Councillors attending afternoon only)
- 2.00pm** *Introduction by Conference Chair, Ann Skippers*
- 2.05pm** *Supporting Communities in the Plan Preparation Process - Experiences and Observations from the Planning Aid England Perspective*
Rachel Hogger, Planning Aid England Advisor (East of England)
- 2.20pm** *Case Study 1 - Burnham on Crouch Neighbourhood Plan*
Steve Walker, Director of Allies and Morrison Urban Practitioners
- 2.40pm** *Case Study 2 - Bishops Stortford Neighbourhood Plan*
James Parker
- 3.00pm** *Case Study 3 - Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan*
Ron Simpson, Director, UppinghamFirst
- 3.20pm** *Case Study 4 - Sprowston Neighbourhood Plan*
Richard Squires, Broadland District Council
- 3.40pm** *Lessons Learnt, Good Practice and Where Do We Go From Here?*
Ann Skippers
- 3.55pm** *Q&A/Discussion*
- 4.30pm** *Close of Conference*

RTPI 2014:

Proud to be celebrating our centenary

Our centenary is a unique chance to celebrate our rich history and past experience whilst looking forward to the future of planning

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