



## **Climate Change Seminar: Follow up Event to Climate Change Training for Town Planners**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

**1.30 – 4.00 pm**

**The Mansion House, 45 High Street, Doncaster DN1 1DN**

You are invited to attend this session which will provide an update on the recent planning changes affecting how Local Planning Authority officers plan for Climate Change. The format for the afternoon will be as follows:

**1.30** Welcome and Overview of Climate Change Training Series

**1.40** Update on the recent and emerging changes since the end of the Climate Change Training Series

**2.00** Presentations from two guest speakers:

### **Sean Rendall – Perspective on current legislative changes**

Sean is Head of Consultancy at ECSC (the consulting arm of the Thamesway Group) where he advises public and private sector clients on low carbon policy development and implementation. His work includes energy master planning, low carbon strategic planning and advising on delivery mechanisms. He is an experienced trainer and has worked with senior level planning officers and elected members. For the last three years he has jointly delivered with POS Enterprises, the Responding to Climate Change supported learning group for planners and has also provided training for the RTPI's Sustainability Masterclass.

Sean has contributed to the development and implementation of planning policy and climate change at local, regional and national level. He has given expert evidence to a number of organisations including the Deputy Mayor of London and the Welsh Assembly and has chaired the South East Climate Change Partnership's Planning group. He is currently working with the Zero Carbon Hub on delivery of its 'Nearer to Zero' programme for the house building industry and local planning authorities on progress towards zero carbon homes.

Sean is currently managing the roll out of the C-Plan online carbon planning tools for local planning authorities across the Yorkshire and Humber region. C-Plan has been funded by Local Government Yorkshire and Humber through its Climate Change Skills Fund and will provide a consistent and accurate basis on which to assess development proposals for compliance with local planning policies.

### **Chris Cousins –BRE viewpoint**

Chris Cousins is Local Government Liaison Manager at BRE Global. BRE Global is responsible for the operation of BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method), the



most widely used environmental assessment method for buildings in the world; it also runs the Code for Sustainable Homes under contract to the Department for Communities and Local Government.

Chris previously worked in Oxfordshire, including for many years as first chief planning officer and then head of sustainable development for Oxfordshire County Council. In the latter role he was responsible for services including planning, waste management, archaeology, economic development, countryside services and carbon management. He has a degree in geography from the University of Oxford and a diploma in town planning from Oxford Brookes University.

**3.00** Discussion groups and Q and A Session looking at:

- Viability Issues (Jon Sawyer - Eye)
- Allowable Solutions/Sustainable Construction (Andy Sheppard – Arup)
- Energy Statements (Stephen Cook – Arup)

**3.45** C-Plan Presentation and Update - Sean Rendall

**4.00** Finish

The session will conclude with refreshments and an opportunity for informal networking with fellow planners, and to chat to the presenters on climate change issues.