

New Development Planning System Training Courses



The 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act promises to bring the most substantial changes to the planning system ever made. It requires a new approach to development, new ways of working and new ways of planning in the future.

The West Midlands Regional Assembly has developed a suite of training modules, in partnership with The Planning Cooperative, which focus on detailed aspects of the new development planning system introduced by the Act.

Summary of Course Modules

- 1. Introduction and Overview:** What the new system means for local government, developers and all players in the development process.
- 2. Community Involvement:** Best practice techniques and approaches to help achieve positive outcomes without grinding to a halt.
- 3. Project Management:** How to ensure that planning policies are in place, in time and stay relevant through rapidly changing circumstances.
- 4. Policy Development:** Policies to make things happen, in the right place, at the right time, to the right quality and with measures to secure sustainable development.
- 5. Independent Examination:** How to make sure key elements come through this stage unscathed.
- 6. Integrating Community Planning:** How to incorporate local initiatives and engagement in the statutory process.
- 7. Development management and implementation:** Delivering benefit and progress, not erosion of the environment and quality of life. How is delivering sustainable development going to work in practice ?
- 8. Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment:** A methodology for testing different policies and proposals and justifying the ones the local authority wants to adopt.

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The West Midlands Regional Assembly (WMRA) is at the heart of this planning challenge. It has worked in partnership with others in the region to produce the Regional Spatial Strategy. It is also working to promote objectives and policies to local authorities and to foster cooperation amongst all partner organisations to respond to the opportunities that these changes present.

As part of this it has commissioned a suite of training courses aimed at partners involved in the planning process across the region. The courses deal with all the major issues, highlight the key activities, and flag up opportunities for involvement.

Launched in September 2005, the eight course modules are available to all stakeholders who wish to be involved in the process and contribute to the delivery of sustainable, high quality development to make the West Midlands an even better place to be.

The courses are interactive, lively, focused, and practical. They will be delivered by The Planning Cooperative, a specialist consultancy with a proven track record in such training events.

What is the Regional Assembly?

It is a partnership body with nominated members drawn from all 38 local authorities within the region, the business sector including higher education and other regional stakeholders. The Assembly is the statutory Regional Planning Body and has worked with other partners to produce the Regional Spatial Strategy. To find out more visit www.wmra.gov.uk

What is the Regional Spatial Strategy?

It is a strategy to provide a clear sense of direction for the longer term development of the Region, influencing the future investment decisions of all sectors, both public and private.

What is the Planning Cooperative?

It is a planning consultancy with 14 years experience in training, consultancy and research, predominantly for public sector clients including over 100 local authorities / government agencies. The Planning Cooperative is the WMRA's preferred training supplier for The New Development Planning System Courses. To find out more visit www.plancoop.co.uk

I am interested the following module(s)

1. Introduction and Overview.
2. Community Involvement.
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7. Development management and implementation.
8. Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment.

I would like more information about the following:

1. 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act
2. Regional Spatial Strategy
3. West Midlands Regional Assembly
4. The Planning Cooperative

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