



Seminar by RTPI President and Secretary General

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How Can Planners Meet the Challenges of Climate Change?

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Abstract:

Effective spatial planning has the potential to:

- Limit and mitigate the effects of climate change through spatial distribution of development, and through approaches to access and design that cap or reduce the emission of greenhouse gases, and
- Identify and support spatial adaptation to enable communities to respond to predicted climate change effects and, more critically, to improve capacity to respond to uncertainty.

About the Speaker:

Janet is a chartered town planning consultant with her own practice based in York, U.K. She has 10 years local government experience in Cardiff, Edinburgh and South Yorkshire, and has been in working in the private sector for 25 years. Her practice provides planning advice and assistance to a broad range of clients mainly based on the North East of England. She is a Member of the Executive Board of the RTPI and President of the Institute for 2008. As President, her theme for the year is education and lifelong learning, reinforcing the message that the planning profession has an ever increasing and changing role and its members must continually review their need to update skills and knowledge to meet with the demands.

The Growth Agenda in England – From "Predict & provide" to "Doom & despair"

Kelvin MacDonald

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Abstract:

The Government (in England and Wales) uses the planning system to encourage private house-builders to deliver affordable homes – but it was a high-risk strategy. The credit crunch and economic slow-down has already seen a rapid contraction of that sector, so how will the system deliver those homes now?

About the Speaker:

Kelvin MacDonald is the Director of Kelvin MacDonald & Associates. He is an Affiliated Lecturer at the Department of Land Economy, Cambridge and a specialist adviser to the House of Commons' CLG Select Committee. He is on the Policy Council of the Town and Country Planning Association and a judge for the UK Housing Awards. He is on the Editorial Board of *Town Planning Review* and the organising committee for the Joint Oxford Planning Law Conference. Until 2007 he was the Director of Policy and Research and, subsequently, Chief Policy Adviser for the Royal Town Planning Institute. He was a member of the Ministerial Advisory Group on Planning Contributions and of the steering group of the Planning Advisory Service and of the CLG's Planning Research Network.

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