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Regional and national planning faces turmoil and change. Some Regional Assemblies have now been abolished as Parliament establishes a new role for Regional Development Agencies supported by local authorities Leaders' Boards. These will work together to devise any new Regional Strategies, combining both economic and spatial predecessor strategies. At the same time the Official Opposition in Parliament promises a new era of localism and the abolition of regional planning in general. Too many Local Development Documents, it is argued, have simply been delayed by regional processes.

National infrastructure too faces the same challenges. In Whitehall National Policy Statements on energy, ports and airports are urgently being prepared as the new Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC) is rapidly set up to handle projects over a given size, while opposition parties talk of abolition of the IPC.

What is the future now for regional and national planning? Will major schemes and projects be lost along with Regional Spatial Strategies? Can there be any agreement or consensus across our political parties on the way forward? Will local planning rise to the challenge of housing delivery? How will cross-boundary developments be planned in an era of local planning leading the way? Will Ministers deliver decisions quickly enough to decarbonise to the timescale needed to address climate change? This Continuing Professional Development (CPD) event will allow participants to explore these key questions with leading figures from the worlds of government, politics and planning. It will be especially suited to planners, councillors, academics and all TCPA members.

Who should attend?

This event is free to all TCPA member organisations (public bodies, local authorities, companies, charities and not-for-profit organisations).

There may also be a limited number of places for individual members of the TCPA – please apply for details.

Non-members are welcome to join the TCPA in order to attend the event.

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programme

- 09.15** Registration and Coffee
- 09.30** Welcome and Introduction from the TCPA
Gideon Amos OBE, TCPA Chief Executive
- 09.35** Welcome from the Chair
Peter Hetherington, TCPA Vice-President
- 09.40** Keynote Speech
Bob Neill MP, Shadow Minister for Planning
- 10.00** Private Sector Perspective – Energy Transmission
Nick Winser, Chief Executive, National Grid (invited)
- 10.15** Private Sector Perspective – Rail Infrastructure
Iain Coucher, Chief Executive, Network Rail (invited)
- 10.30** Regional Planning Futures
Cllr David Parsons CBE, Leader, Leicestershire County Council, and Deputy Chair, Local Government Association
- 10.50** Questions & Discussion
- 11.10** Coffee
- 11.30** Strategic Planner Perspective
Catriona Riddell, Director, South East England Partnership Board
- 11.50** Regional Development Agency Perspective
Alan Clarke, Chief Executive, One North East (invited)
- 12.10** Infrastructure Planning Commission Perspective
Patrick Erwin, Head, IPC Implementation Team, DCLG (invited)
- 12.30** Discussion
- 13.00** Lunch

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booking form

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Confirmation of your booking, a map and directions will be provided on receipt of the booking form. Please complete a separate form for each delegate.

Delegate details

Name: _____

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TCPA membership number: _____

Dietary/access requirements: _____

Attending this event will count towards your Continuing Professional Development. Please tick the box if you require a CPD certificate.

Fees

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TCPA individual members: Places are limited – please apply for details.

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Terms and conditions

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