



Northern Ireland Planning Conference 2023

Embracing the plan-led system in Northern Ireland

Wednesday 6th September 2023, Europa, Belfast

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Programme

9.00AM **Registration and networking**

9.30AM **Welcome**
Catharine McWhirter MRTPI - RTPI NI Chair

Keynote Speech
Julie Thompson, Deputy Secretary for Climate, Planning, and
Public Transport, Department for Infrastructure

**Setting the Scene: what do we really mean by Development
Management?**
Janet Askew MRTPI

**The PAC approach to appeals: supporting the plan led
approach**
Andrea Kells MRTPI, Planning Appeals Commission

Q&A

Coffee and networking

Welcome back
Catharine McWhirter MRTPI - RTPI NI Chair

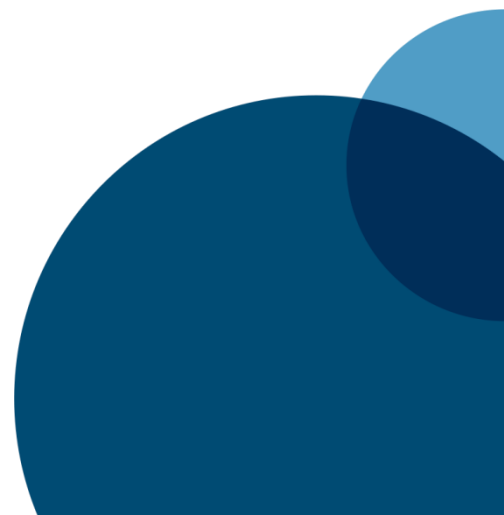
Decision Making in a plan-led system
Gregory Jones KC

The role of planning obligations in delivering for communities
Tom Evans, Swansea City Council

The role of the OEP and how it works with planning decisions
Craig McGuicken, Northern Ireland Lead, Office for Environmental
Protection

Q&A

Lunch and networking





RTPI Northern Ireland

Royal Town Planning Institute

Welcome back

Chair: Chris Bryson MRTPI

Panel Discussion: The Northern Ireland Experience

The approach needed to adapt to the plan-led development management system.

- Denise Dickson MRTPI, Causeway Coast and Glens
- Mark Hand MRTPI, Monmouthshire County Council
- Pamela Clifford MRTPI, Planning, Building Standards and Environmental Health Manager, West Dunbartonshire Council

Tea and networking

Welcome Back

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Decision Making

Guidance on decision taking in planning in NI

Colette Kane, NI Audit Office

RTPI probity advice

Ruth Richards, RTPI

Exploring Case Law on Material Considerations

Richard Honey KC FTB

Q&A

Conference Close