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Connecting the professions - dissecting the issues

The Joint Planning Law Conference (JPLC) – known as “The Oxford Conference” – brings together leading experts from across the four key professions in planning.

Attended each year by town planners, chartered surveyors, solicitors, barristers, and developers, with an interest in planning law and environmental issues, the 50th JPLC promises vibrant multi-disciplinary discussion on the latest issues affecting the planning industry.

Learn

The conference offers a full programme with presentations from the leading speakers in their fields, followed by opportunities for questions and discussions. Each speaker prepares an original, in-depth research paper. Distributed first to JPLC delegates, these papers will be valuable reference materials for your practice.

Network

Known for its friendly atmosphere, the conference affords a rare opportunity for open and constructive debate amongst diverse groups of planning professionals at all stages in their careers. Expand your network, catch up with old friends and colleagues, and enjoy a genuine exchange of ideas.

Enjoy

The JPLC is held in the beautiful surroundings of Oxford, with ensuite accommodation in the University’s New College and conference activities in the Oxford Union Debating Chamber. The programme includes drinks receptions, two dinners including the 50th Black Tie Gala Dinner, and time to explore the city.

Why attend the JPLC?

- The UK’s leading annual planning law conference
- Excellent speakers deliver topical research papers
- Ideal for planning professionals at all career stages
- A multi-disciplinary planning committee ensures high quality content relevant to all delegates
- A 50% scholarship scheme for recently qualified delegates (12 places available 3 per profession)
- CPD is available
- Friendly, informal networking opportunities
- Beautiful Oxford University setting

“An outstanding event which helps to remind me why I became a planner. Passionate and inspirational speakers combined with a great mix of social events.”

Elle Cass, SLR Consulting

“The best conference presentations in a superb location - you’d be mad to miss it. I can’t wait to get back to Oxford and see everyone again!”

Mike Kiely, Planning Officers Society

Expert speakers for 2022



Hashi Mohamed
No5 Chambers



Camilla Siggaard Andersen
Hassell



Christopher Lockhart-Mummery QC



Victoria Hutton
39 Essex Chambers



Joanna Averley
DLUHC



Rory Joyce
Brunel Planning



Kelvin MacDonald
Cambridge University



Natalie Prosser
Office for Environmental Protection

The conference committee

The JPLC is a not for profit event organised jointly by members of the Law Society, the Bar Council, the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

Bar Council members

Michael Humphries QC, FTB
Mary Cook, Town Legal LLP
Rupert Warren QC, Landmark Chambers
Victoria Hutton, 39 Essex Chambers

Law Society members

Duncan Field, Town Legal LLP
Claire Dutch, Ashurst LLP
Matthew White, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP

RICS members

Rory Joyce, Brunel Planning
Mary Power, PowerHaus Consultancy
Robert Evans, Argent LLP

RTPI members

Adrian Penfold OBE
Tom Dobson, Quod
Christine Thorby, former Director of Strategy, Planning Inspectorate

For further details, please visit our website

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Programme

Thursday 15 September

16:30 Arrival, registration, and tea (1700 Newcomers' welcome tea with organising committee), New College

19:00 Drinks reception in Cloisters, New College

20:00 Informal dinner (smart/casual) with keynote address by **Hashi Mohamed, No5 Chambers, chaired by Duncan Field, Town Legal LLP**

Friday 16 September

08:00 Breakfast, New College

09:30 Conference chair's introduction, **Duncan Field, Oxford Union**

09:40 Opening address: **50 Years of Changes in Planning Law**

Christopher Lockhart Mummery QC will draw upon his wealth of experience giving a personal reflection of the continuous 50 years of changes to planning law, from town and county maps, through to development plans, including neighbourhood plans, national policy, Circulars to the NPPF and PPG. He will give his perspective of the limited scope of section 52 agreements to the much larger role of section 106 obligations and the tussles in the courts as to that role. He will give his view as to whether these continuous changes have given us a better system in the public interest.

Speaker: Christopher Lockhart-Mummery QC

10:15 Questions and Discussion chaired by **Mary Power, Powerhaus Consultancy**

10:35 Coffee and Networking

11:00 **Levelling Up**

Speaker to be announced shortly

11:35 Questions and Discussion chaired by **Tom Dobson, Quod**

11:55 **View from the Department**

Speaker: Joanna Averley, Chief Planner, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

12:30 Questions and Discussion chaired by **Claire Dutch, Ashurst LLP**

12:55 Lunch and Networking

14:00 **Office for Environmental Protection - everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask...**

This will give a welcome insight into the recently created Office for Environmental Protection and its role and purpose. Find out about how it will discharge its duties under the Environment Act 2021 and the impact it might have on environmental law, improvement plans and targets. What might this mean in practice for local planning authorities and other public bodies involved in the planning process and how might this affect the promotion of future development proposals?

Speaker: Natalie Prosser, Chief Executive, Office for Environmental Protection

14:35 Questions and Discussion chaired by **Christine Thorby, former Director of Strategy, Planning Inspectorate**

Programme

Friday 16 September

- 14:55 **Judicial Review and Policy Setting – Can They Be Separated?**
In his introduction to the 2021 Government response to the Independent Review of Administrative Law, the then Lord Chancellor wrote of a growing tendency for the courts in Judicial Review cases to become more willing to review the merits of the decisions themselves, instead of the way in which those decisions were made.
Conversely, Dame Sian Elias, former Chief Justice of New Zealand, said in 2008 that judicial review cannot help but engage with policy.
Despite the long-held doctrine that Judicial Review does not deal with policy or merits, do a series of judgments relating to national infrastructure in the last couple of years prove Dame Sian right?
This paper by a former Examining Inspector turned academic will draw on recent judgements and wider thinking about the relationship between the law, the legislature and the executive to examine this increasingly important issue.
Speaker: Kelvin MacDonald, Senior Departmental Fellow, Department of Land Economy, Cambridge
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- 15:30 Questions and Discussion chaired by **Matthew White, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP**
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- 15:50 Pimms reception and Networking - rest of the afternoon free
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- 16:00 Optional historical walking tour of Oxford: **“Old Buildings New Ideas: How Oxford Changes the World”**
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- 18:30 Sweet & Maxwell champagne reception, New College
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- 19:30 Black tie JPLC **50th Anniversary Gala Dinner** with guest speaker **Rory Joyce, Brunel Planning, chaired by Robert Evans, Argent LLP**, in New College Dining Hall followed by late night entertainment

Saturday 17 September

- 07:30 Breakfast, New College
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- 09:30 Conference chair's introduction, **Duncan Field, Oxford Union**
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- 09:40 **Blurred Lines: Planning for Societal Change & Digital Disruption in the Built Environment**
Camilla will examine the relationship between physical and digital technology and their impact on societal change. She will argue that the built environment industry needs to take a much more proactive role in integrating technology into people's lives to deliver sustainable social, economic, and environmental outcomes. In order to do this, citizens and professionals alike shall require the support of a flexible planning system and iterative regulatory frameworks, capable of leveraging the full power of shared digital/physical tools while maintaining the ability to direct them.
Speaker: Camilla Siggaard Andersen, Research Manager, Hassell
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- Questions and Discussion chaired by **Adrian Penfold OBE**
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- 10:35 **Legal Update**
What have been the key issues emerging from cases over the past year?
Speaker: Victoria Hutton, 39 Essex Chambers
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- 11:10 Questions and Discussion chaired by **Michael Humphries QC, FTB**
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- 11:30 **Conference close**

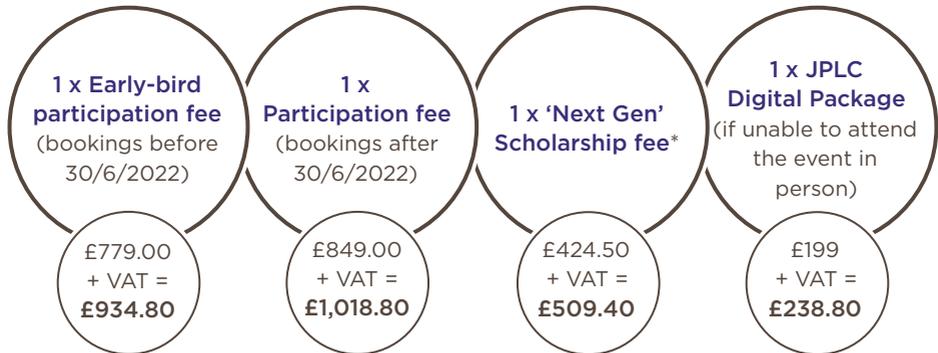
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All bookings will be confirmed immediately by automated email. You will have the option to download an invoice and a copy will also be included in the email – please check your junk folder. Once bookings have been made payment is due within 14 days of issue. Please see terms below.

The fee includes:

- Two nights' ensuite bed & breakfast at New College
- Friday lunch at the Oxford Union
- Pre-dinner reception
- Informal dinner with wine
- Champagne reception
- 50th anniversary gala dinner
- Refreshments
- Conference materials and access to the post event digital package (as set out below).



Enquiries:

If you have any questions or haven't received your confirmation of booking please contact:

Lucinda Howe

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Car Parking (Unavailable this year)

We are unable to offer parking in Oxford this year. We recommend that delegates arrive by train or other public transport. Otherwise there are park and ride sites around the outskirts of Oxford which are open 24 hours. You can park for up to 72 hours for approx. £15 including bus ticket. oxford.gov.uk/parkandridesites

* 'Next Gen' Scholarships

Limited scholarship places are available per profession, supported by our "Next Gen" supporters' scheme, for individuals qualified for less than 5 years and barristers below 5 years' call. Only one person per organisation/set of chambers will be accepted in the first instance. Priority will be given to those who have not received a place before.

If you are interested in a place email lucinda@jplc.org to check availability.

**Is your organisation interested in sponsoring the scheme
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DIGITAL PACKAGE ONLY

This package is for delegates who are unable to attend the event in person. The speakers presenting the main papers will be recorded on the day - these recordings will be made available post-event for up to three months together with access to the speaker's written papers. The cost for this package only is **£199+ VAT per person**.

"If you work in planning and only attend one event each year, the Oxford conference is the one to attend. Every year I come away having widened and renewed contacts and feeling reinvigorated about my casework ... it reminds me why I became a planning lawyer."

Sebastian Charles, Aardvark Planning Law

Conditions of booking 1. Delegates are members of the RICS, RTPI, the Law Society, the Bar or another professional body. 2. Registration is considered binding immediately. Payment is required within 14 days of booking. Early bird fee must be paid by end of June otherwise full participation fee will be due. 3. Numbers are limited and bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis. 4. Refunds will be given for cancellations made in writing before 7 August 2022 less an administration charge of £80+VAT. No refunds will be given after this date and unpaid invoices for the full fee of any person cancelling after this date will still be due before the event date. Substitute delegates will be accepted. 5. VAT will be charged at the prevailing UK rate. 6. The organisers reserve the right to vary the speakers and content within the overall objectives of the conference. 7. The organisers accept no responsibility for views expressed or contained in the conference documentation.