

An Introduction to Planning Law in Wales for Members and Officers

A One Day Course In-House Course

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The aims and objectives of this one day course are to present an introduction to the law in Wales relating to Town and Country planning. This will include:

- Covering the basics of development control and forward planning
- Explanation of the importance of central and local policy and guidance in the determination of planning applications.
- The Appeals process
- Enforcement of planning control
- An opportunity to look at scenarios if required.
- An examination of the conduct of planning committees, including the role of officers and members.

Course Outline

Session 1 – Introduction to Town & Country Planning

- Legislative background
- Land use regulatory system
- Development control
- Forward Planning



Session 2 – Planning Law and Policy in Wales

- Wales Spatial Plan
- Local development plans
- Technical Advice Notes



Session 3 – Planning Obligations and Special controls

- Planning conditions
- Section 106 Agreements and Unilateral Undertakings
- Special controls
- Appeals
- Enforcement

Session 4 – Conduct of planning committees

- Quasi judicial public law functions
- Human Rights Act 1998
- The role of the officer and the officer recommendation
- Code of conduct and declarations of interest
- Predetermination, predisposition and bias
- Good practice for members