



MASTERCLASSES in:

PROVIDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND DEVELOPING MIXED COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE PLANNING PROCESS

Highbury, London with field trips

**Overview of programme
2009/10**

All local authorities, urban and rural, face mounting pressure to deliver more housing, increase the proportion of affordable housing and negotiate ever more complex deals with developers in order to meet modern infrastructure requirements. And all this at a time of great uncertainty in the housing market when it can be difficult to tell whether house prices are rising or falling and even more difficult to guess the impact on development and on meeting housing trajectories.

This series of six full day (10.30-4.30) masterclasses draws on the expertise of speakers who have many years of experience in negotiation between local authorities and developers and who also have a good understanding of the pressures facing local authorities today. Topics covered include

Workshop titles:

Workshop 1: Getting the policy framework right in the LDF

Workshop 2: Effective development control

Workshop 3: Providing for special needs groups

Workshop 4: Developing housing in rural areas

Workshop 5: Planning Major developments

Workshop 6: Monitoring

Getting the policy framework right in the LDF

assembling and maintaining the evidence base (SHMA, SHLAA, financial viability appraisal), managing consultants, developing policies, consultation, tests of soundness

Effective development control

Who negotiates, making informed trade-offs between mix, density, affordability and wider planning obligations. Use of S106 Agreements, unilateral undertakings and conditions

Providing for special needs groups

(Gypsies and Travellers, BME groups, older households)

Developing a robust evidence base, identifying and working with providers, effective consultation mechanisms, tying in with other public sector programmes

Developing housing in rural areas

one day field trip led by Kathleen Dunmore and Jo Lavis

Case studies drawn from Harrogate, part of the Yorkshire "Golden Triangle"

Securing affordable housing on small allocated and windfall sites, maximising rural exception site policy (allocated and windfall), establishing the evidence base and contributing to sustainable rural communities.

Planning Major developments

two day field trip led by Kathleen Dunmore and Julia Atkins

Case studies drawn from Milton Keynes, Upton (Northampton), Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
Negotiation, funding, long-term asset management, allocations, provision of facilities

Monitoring

Why monitoring is important, What to monitor

Examples of monitoring at district, county/unitary and regional level

Speakers

Duncan Bowie is Reader in Urban Planning and Regeneration at London Metropolitan University. He has worked for nearly thirty years in planning and housing in London, including as principal strategic planner for housing for the Mayor of London, housing policy officer for London Councils, London investment director for the Housing Corporation and head of social housing at the London Docklands Development Corporation.

Kathleen Dunmore worked for many years for the Home Builders Federation and before that for Milton Keynes Development Corporation. She helped set up two rural housing associations and was Chair of Midsummer Housing Association.

Julia Atkins is Research Fellow at London Metropolitan University. She has been Head of Housing at the Greater London Authority, Director of Housing and Social Surveys at the London Research Centre and Head of Housing Research at the Greater London Council.

Jo Lavis headed up the affordable housing work at the Countryside Agency and Defra, provided the secretariat support for the Affordable Rural Housing Commission and was an investment manager for the Housing Corporation. She now works part time for the Commission for Rural Communities and runs a consultancy Rural Housing Solutions

You can attend one or all of the masterclasses, or different people from your organisation can attend different masterclasses. At the end you will

- Have an improved understanding of the policy context and policy tools open to local authorities to deliver housing
- Have learnt from the practical experience of others
- Have practiced and improved your negotiating skills
- Have an improved understanding of how developers operate and of the constraints facing them and RSLs
- Have made contact with a pool of other people who face similar challenges to you, with opportunities through the intranet to go on learning from each others experience

Costs:

The fee for each masterclass for 2009 was £295 (cost 2009/10 tbc).

Places are limited to allow ample opportunity for exchange of views and personal tuition.

Venue

London Metropolitan University
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How to book

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