



# Rural Planning Update

Tuesday 23 May 2017  
Macclesfield Town Hall

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Rural planning has often been considered the poor relation to its faster paced, higher density, harder edged sibling, urban planning. However, the perceived solutions to the country's long term social, economic and environmental sustainability issues are increasingly focused upon greenfield sites in non-urban areas. This update session will explore issues such as housing, energy generation, economic regeneration and appropriate design solutions in rural areas, as well as updating those with an interest in rural planning about recent legislative changes.

## Programme

- 9.30 am**      **Registration & Refreshments**
- 10.00 am**     **Welcome and Introduction**  
Sarah Foster, Projects Manager, Coverland UK
- 10.10 am**     **Rural Housing Supply**  
Rob Cogings, Head of Housing, Derbyshire Dales DC
- 10.50 am**     **The Impact of Class Q**  
Richard Pigott, Director, Planning & Design Practice Ltd
- 11.30 am**     **Coffee Break**
- 11.45 pm**     **Recent Case Law – Rural Planning Issues**  
Eric Owen, Kings Chambers
- 12.30 pm**     **Panel Discussion**
- 12.45 pm**     **Lunch**
- 1.45 pm**      **Rural Planning in Cheshire East**  
Adrian Fisher, Head of Planning Strategy, Cheshire East Council
- 2.30 pm**      **Threats to Protected Landscapes**  
John Scott, Director of Planning & Conservation, Peak District NPA
- 3.00 pm**      **Fracking in the UK**  
Ruth Hayhurst, Journalist & Founder of “Drill or Drop” website
- 3.45 pm**      **Panel Discussion**
- 4.00 pm**      **Close**