Successful Planning Applications for Transport Practitioners

Overview
Following the introduction of the National Planning Policy Framework in March 2012, the government condensed long established planning policy guidance into a Planning Practice Guidance portal, published online in March 2014. Both NPPF and wider changes to the planning system have drastically altered the ground rules for transport planners and engineers working within the field of development management. This one day course provides an overview of the new development management framework, providing practical advice for those involved in the preparation and review of transport assessments.

Learning outcomes
On completion of the course, delegates will:
• have an understanding of the operation of the planning system in England
• be aware of how various transport issues are considered and addressed for new developments
• have knowledge of relevant policies and guidance
• be acquainted with the content and format of good Transport Statements and Transport Assessments

Who should attend
The course is suitable for those who have recently started or returned to working in transport development management, planners who require an overview of transport considerations pertinent to development and those responsible for the management or commissioning of staff undertaking development management activities.

Topics Covered
• How planning decisions are made
• The role of the highway authority, the Highways Agency, TfL and other transport authorities
• Planning agreements, obligations, contributions, tariffs and conditions
• Appeals, costs and statutory timescales
• Delivering and adopting highway infrastructure
• Policy and guidance applicable in England
Assessing and mitigating transportation impacts of development:
• Trip generation and distribution
• Highway capacity
• Parking
• Public transport
Illustrated throughout by case studies and group work.

Programme*
09:30 Welcome and introductions
09:40 Introduction to the planning process
How decisions are made; pre-ap discussions, planning committee, officer decisions, planning inspector decisions, permitted development rights; policy and guidance (NPPF, regional and local policies, other guidance); timescales, appeals and costs.
10:20 Managing development’s transportation impacts
The role of the local highway authority and strategic highway/transport authorities; pre-ap advice to developer, advice to planning authority, involvement in appeals, adopting/delivering infrastructure; tariffs/contributions, CIL, s106, s278, s38, APCs; bonds.
11:00 Break
11:15 Transport statements and assessments
Structure and content, pre-ap discussions, when required, referral process.
11:45 Assessing transport impacts
Trip generation, distribution and modal split-data sources, testing assumptions.
12:30 Assessing and mitigating highway impacts
Establishing baseline conditions; appraising the impact of the proposed development on the network, assessment years, analysis period, permitted uses, tools; mitigation measures and costs.
13:15 Lunch
13:45 Assessing and mitigating impacts on parking
Disabled parking, electric vehicle charging, cycle parking, motorcycle parking, parking standards.
14:30 Assessing and mitigating public transport impacts
Establishing baseline conditions; appraising the impact of the proposed development on the rail/bus network, tools; mitigation measures and costs
15:00 Assessing and mitigating walking and cycling impacts
Accessibility considerations, PERS, urban realm, desire lines, walking and cycling speeds and distances, safety considerations, planning for cycling, cycle hire.
15:30 Break
15:45 Travel planning
Business, school and residential travel plans, personalised travel planning, trip banking, monitoring systems, incentives, penalties; other demand management tools.
16:15 Delivery and servicing plans
Common delivery and collection activities, supply chain, designing for freight, operational considerations; consolidation, hours of operation, size and urgency, potential interventions, FERS.
16:45 Construction logistic plans
Route planning for construction vehicles, safety considerations, environmental factors, supply chain considerations, interaction with neighbouring sites, monitoring, FORS.
17:15 Close

*Please note that this is a preliminary programme and is subject to change
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