

Navigating Conservation Covenants: Safeguarding England's Wildlife and Natural Environment

Taking place in Central London (Zone 1, Venue To Be Announced) | 26th June 2019

10.15 Registration & Morning Refreshments

11.00 Chair's Introduction

11.05 **Government timescales, actions and next steps**

- Overview of the Government's consideration of conservation covenants proposals for the Environment Bill
 - Understanding and Defining Conservation Covenants
 - The Law Commission's proposals in this area
 - Ensuring the legacy of sustainable developments
 - The Conservation Covenant consultation and further developments
 - The planned statutory scheme and future reforms
 - Delivering lasting conservation outcomes now and in the future
- ⇒ ***To be announced DEFRA policy representative***
- ⇒ ***Richard Broadbent, Head of Legal Services, Natural England***
- ⇒ ***Professor Nicholas Hopkins, Commissioner, Law Commission***

13.15 Networking Lunch

14.00 **Working with conservation covenants in practice**

- Entering into arrangements that conserve the natural environment
 - Working with legal specialists, landowners, conservation specialists, responsible bodies and local authorities
 - Securing and managing permanent land-management obligations
 - Safeguards to ensure covenants are not abused
 - Conservation covenants and biodiversity net-gain
 - Different usage of covenants: Public access, heritage sites, ensuring future conservation work
- ⇒ ***To be announced DEFRA policy representative***
- ⇒ ***Claire Robinson, Senior Countryside Advisor, National Farmers Union***

15.30 Chair's Summary & Event Close

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