

Land Forum - Terms of Reference



Purpose

The Land Forum was set up in July 2011 developed from The National Brownfield Forum, which was originally established by DCLG and Defra. The aim of the Forum is to promote the sustainable use of land¹. It brings together private and public sector organisations to take an open and forward looking strategic overview of current and future land use issues including:

- taking into consideration the full range of social, economic and environmental factors in informing the development and implementation of Government policy;
- supporting the development, dissemination and adoption of best practice by regulators, practitioners and problem-owners;
- identifying key challenges as they arise and seeking appropriate resolutions;
- openly reporting on progress and outcomes.

The Forum will consider UK wide issues and reference overseas experience where appropriate. Representation of organisations on the Forum will be kept under review, and will seek to represent a broad spectrum of interests. The initial representation is appended to these Terms of Reference.

Organisation

- The Forum will be chaired by an elected representative from the Forum and will be rotated annually.
- The Forum will meet once a quarter.
- CL:AIRE will perform the secretariat duties for the Forum, to be reviewed annually.
- Membership of the Forum will be by invitation to specific organisations, such invitations being reviewed as appropriate.
- Sub-groups with a remit to look at specific issues will be formed as necessary by majority agreement of the Forum, and will report back to the Forum. Composition of sub-groups may include organisations which are not Land Forum members.
- The outcomes of the meetings will be reported openly and fairly, and that where appropriate, elements of discussions may be held under “Chatham House Rules” to promote open and frank discussion.
- Minutes summarising discussions will be published on the CL:AIRE website (www.claire.co.uk/landforum).

¹ The ‘land’ of interest to the Forum includes development land for housing, commercial and industrial purposes; and derelict; vacant and underused land with actual or potential environmental or social value for non-development end uses. This will include previously developed and contaminated land, as well as land that has not been subject to development. In general the Forum will not consider agricultural land or areas of nature conservation interest, except where included above.

Addendum I: Land Forum Representation

Organisation Represented	Representative	Organisation Reach
Chair	Paul Sheehan	
Association of Geotechnical Specialists (AGS)	Seamus Lefroy Brookes	150 Organisations
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH)	Howard Price	
Contaminated Land: Applications In Real Environments (CL:AIRE)	Nicola Harries (<i>Secretariat</i>)	~4,800 Individuals
<i>Local Authority Officers</i> Leeds Council Lancaster Council Mole Valley Wiltshire Council	Julia Reynolds Mark Edwards Rob Ivens Steven Manning	Individual Local Authority representatives rotating to allow 2 per meeting to attend.
Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG)	Caroline Geary	CLG
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)	Nicola Riley/ David Middleton	Defra
<i>Devolved Administrations</i> Department of Environment Northern Ireland (DoE NI); Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA); Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA); Welsh Government	Theresa Kearney Caroline Thornton Richard Clark	DoE NI & NIEA SEPA Welsh Government
Environment Agency	Trevor Howard/Matt Whitehead	England
Environmental Industries Commission (EIC)	Jane Thrasher	280 Organisations
Environmental Law Association	Andrew Wiseman	
Environmental Protection UK (EPUK)	Andrew Wiseman	200 Local Authority Members; 2900 member contacts (including organisations, academics and individuals)
Homes and Communities Agency (HCA)	Richard Boyle	
Home Builders Federation (HBF)	Peter Witherington	~35,000 Individuals
Land Trust	Euan Hall	20,000 Individuals
National House Building Council (NHBC)	Lisa Hathway	14,000 Housebuilders and Developers
Natural Resources Wales	Trystan James/Matthew Llewellyn	Wales
Planning Officers Society / Local Government Association (LGA)	Nicky Linihan (corresponding member)	LGA ~ 1000 Planning Officers
Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)	Stephen McKenna	
Soil and Groundwater Technology Association (SAGTA)	Frank Evans	Land Owning Organisations
Society of Brownfield Risk Assessment (SoBRA)	Lucy Thomas	300 Individuals
Specialists in Land Condition (SiLC)	Paul Nathanail	140 Individuals
Strategic Forum for Construction; & Build UK	Peter Johnson (corresponding)	~300 Organisations
Town and Country Planning Association	Julia Thrift (corresponding)	