

# **NATIONAL RURAL** PLANNING CONFERENCE

### **Breathing new life into** the countryside

Can rural planning be the solution and not the problem?

### **Thursday 9th October 2025**

The British Motor Museum

Gaydon | Warwick

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## **CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

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| 6 | TIME   | DETAILS  | SPEAKER   |  |  |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| 1 | 8.45   | Registration   |   |  |  |
| 9 | 9.15   | Welcome Address  | Barry Davies FBIAC<br>Davies & Co. Chartered Surveyors  |  |  |
|   | SESSION 1: RURAL PLANNING REALITY CHECK Session Chairperson: David Glasson, DGP Limited              |  |   |  |  |
| • | 9.20   | The Government's overhaul/<br>changes in the Planning system - a<br>Panacea for growth or not? | Kevin Hollinrake MP,<br>Shadow Secretary of State<br>for Levelling Up, Housing and<br>Communities |  |  |
| , | 9.50   | Sarah Beeny in conversation with<br>Tony Kernon, Kernon Countryside<br>Consultants             | Sarah Beeny<br>Tony Kernon,<br>Kernon Countryside Consultants                                     |  |  |
|   | 10.20  | Questions  |   |  |  |
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|   | SESSION 2: DEVELOPMENT MEETS TURBO-CHARGED NATURE Session Chairperson: Fred Quartermain, Thrings LLP |  |   |  |  |
| : | 11.15  | Planning and Nature in flux -<br>policy and possibilities                                      | Paul Smith MRTPI MRICK,<br>Managing Director,<br>The Strategic Land Group                         |  |  |
|   | 11.45  | BNG in context - the roll-out in a challenging environment                                     | Adam Shepphard,<br>Assistant Professor of Urban<br>Planning, University of Birmingham             |  |  |
|   | 12.15  | Grey Belt to Green Energy:<br>Planning Case Law in Focus                                       | Thrings LLP   |  |  |

| 1: | 2.45                   | Questions  |   |  |  |  |
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| 1: | 3.00                   | Lunch & optional viewing of the museum   |   |  |  |  |
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| 14 | 4.00 ⊤                 | ESSION 3: FARMING AND DIVERSIFICATION SIDE BY SIDE  .00 Tom Homfray, Penllyn Estate LLP speaking from experience in conversation th Alex Madden, Partner, Hugh James |   |  |  |  |
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|    |                        | ION 4: BUCKLE UPA LOOK TO THE FUTURE<br>on Chairperson: Sara Tucker, North & Letherby Ltd  |   |  |  |  |
| 1  | 4.30                   | It's time to level up - Levelling-up,<br>Regeneration Act and enforcement  | Ben Du Feu,<br>Barrister, Cornerstone Barristers  |  |  |  |
| 1  | 5.00                   | Farming, Taxation & Planning   | George Badger,<br>Partner Oxford, Ceres Rural     |  |  |  |
| 1  | 5.30                   | Engaging with rural communities: what can you do upfront?  | Paul Miner MA MRTPI FRGS,<br>Head of Policy, CPRE |  |  |  |
| 1  | <b>16.00</b> Questions |  |   |  |  |  |
| 1  | 6.15                   | Closing Address  | Sam Franklin,<br>Landscope Land and Property Ltd  |  |  |  |
| 1  | 6.30                   | Conference Close   |   |  |  |  |



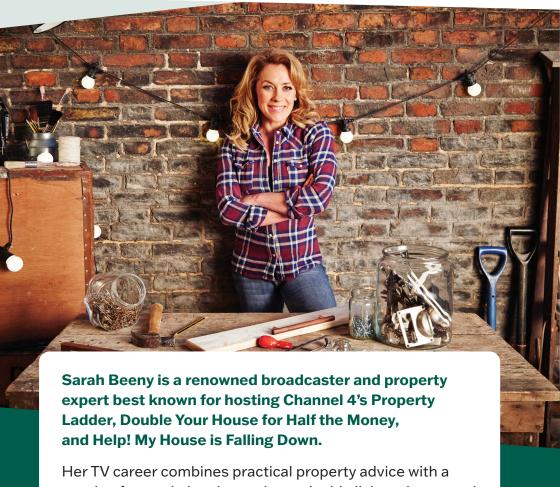








## **GUEST SPEAKER** Sarah Beeny



passion for rural planning and sustainable living, showcased in Sarah Beeny's New Life in the Country, which follows her family's restoration of a 220-acre Somerset farm.

Dedicated to preserving heritage and promoting biodiversity, Sarah has become a leading voice in combining development with environmental responsibility.

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