

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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TIME	DETAILS	SPEAKER
8.45	Registration	
9.15	Welcome Address	Barry Davies FBIAC Davies & Co. Chartered Surveyors

SESSION 1: RURAL PLANNING REALITY CHECK

Session Chairperson: David Glasson, DGP Limited

9.20	The Government's overhaul/ changes in the Planning system - a Panacea for growth or not?	Kevin Hollinrake MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities
9.50	Sarah Beeny in conversation with Tony Kernon, Kernon Countryside Consultants	Sarah Beeny Tony Kernon, Kernon Countryside Consultants
10.20	Questions	
10.45	Break	

SESSION 2: DEVELOPMENT MEETS TURBO-CHARGED NATURE

Session Chairperson: Fred Quartermain, Thrings LLP

11.15	Planning and Nature in flux - policy and possibilities	Paul Smith MRTPI MRICK, Managing Director, The Strategic Land Group
11.45	BNG in context - the roll-out in a challenging environment	Adam Sheppard, Assistant Professor of Urban Planning, University of Birmingham
12.15	Grey Belt to Green Energy: Planning Case Law in Focus	Thrings LLP

12.45	Questions
13.00	Lunch & optional viewing of the museum

SESSION 3: FARMING AND DIVERSIFICATION SIDE BY SIDE

14.00 Tom Homfray, Penllyn Estate LLP speaking from experience in conversation with Alex Madden, Partner, Hugh James

SESSION 4: BUCKLE UP....A LOOK TO THE FUTURE

Session Chairperson: Sara Tucker, North & Letherby Ltd

14.30	It's time to level up - Levelling-up, Regeneration Act and enforcement	Ben Du Feu, Barrister, Cornerstone Barristers
15.00	Farming, Taxation & Planning	George Badger, Partner Oxford, Ceres Rural
15.30	Engaging with rural communities: what can you do upfront?	Paul Miner MA MRTPI FRGS, Head of Policy, CPRE
16.00	Questions	
16.15	Closing Address	Sam Franklin, Landscape Land and Property Ltd
16.30	Conference Close	

GUEST SPEAKER Sarah Beeny



Sarah Beeny is a renowned broadcaster and property expert best known for hosting Channel 4's Property Ladder, Double Your House for Half the Money, and Help! My House is Falling Down.

Her TV career combines practical property advice with a 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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