

POS

Planning Officers Society

The credible voice of public sector planners in England

If you work in planning with .gov.uk on the end of your email address, join us to be part of the leading body for public sector planners operating in England, and enjoy the full benefits of POS membership.

We represent planners working in 80% of the local authorities and public sector organisations around England. Our aim is to ensure that planning makes a major contribution to achieving sustainable development, from national to local level, in ways which are fair and equitable and achieve the social, economic and environmental aspirations of the community.

We operate in three main ways:

- As a support network for planners in the public sector
- As promoters of best practice in planning
- As a think tank and lobbying organisation for excellence in planning practice

Support networks

We have both subject and regional networks to support our members and subject specialists to provide advice to government, the press and others on their specialist area. We have a network of public sector planners at the earlier stages of their careers, called POS NOVUS which brings together new voices to generate new ideas about public planning. Our network events are popular with the membership and provide a valuable opportunity to exchange ideas and keep up-to-date.

Best practice

POS is recognised by MHCLG, LGA, PINS, PAS, Homes England, Historic England and others as an organisation dedicated to excellence and a key player in taking forward the current planning agenda. Through our trading company (POS Enterprises) we provide a wide range of services to planning authorities and other clients in the public sector, including critical friend support, service review, learning groups and training, as well as tailored services that are geared to your needs.

Think tank

We lobby government on behalf of the sector. We uniquely represent the planners who are at the coalface of public sector planning. We also work across the sector and with the media to ensure that there is the widest support for an excellent planning system. Our main lobbying tool is our Manifesto papers. These are think-pieces that tackle topical areas within planning practice and sets out our recommendations for improvement.

The voice of public sector planning

Membership of POS will give you some of the best quality and best value CPD in the sector:

- a regular e-bulletin keeping you up to date on key planning and POS matters
- access to draft responses by POS to Government consultation documents
- an opportunity to participate in forums, networks and/or regional meetings
- an opportunity to network with your peers and Government officials
- an opportunity to participate in visits and study tours
- excellent value or free CPD events
- ... and more, much more

To find out more about the work of POS visit our website at: www.planningofficers.org.uk

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