

The National Retail Planning Forum

Chairman: Mr Chris Brearley CB DL

Dear Colleague,

LGA/NRPF event “Retail Planning – A review”, May 22nd 2008
Midland Hotel, Manchester (Lancaster Suite), 10am – 4pm.

This event is aimed at those involved in the retail planning world, whether at a professional or political level. One of the objectives of NRPF is to bring together the key participants in the decision making process, and the agenda has been framed with that in mind.

As well as taking stock of the fast moving landscape of retail planning, the day will cover; the UK retail investment & development scene, international perspectives and current retail trends. The outcome of a 3 year research project sponsored by ESRC, the growth of the NRPF knowledge base and the current state of retail statistics will also feature.

This is a very timely event, given the publication of the Competition Commission report and, the ongoing reviews of PPS6 and PPG4. For this reason, a whole session has been set aside to discuss the issues involved with Mario Wolf from DCLG.

For the final session, we have a panel of experts who will be challenging the audience to look ahead at what decision takers and policy makers should expect to confront in the retail planning world over the next period.

I hope you find the event useful and informative. If you have any comments subsequently, either on the event itself, or the work of NRPF do please contact me. I hope you will also make use of the NRPF knowledge base and the interactive discussion facility on retail planning policy matters on the website.

I look forward to meeting you,

Yours sincerely

George Nicholson,
Secretary, NRPF,
2nd April 2008.

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Retail Planning – a Review

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22nd May 2008 (10am – 4.00pm)

- 09.30 Registration
- 10.00 Introduction – **Chris Brearley CB, DL**, Chairman, NRPF
- 10.05 **Andrew Smith**, Deputy Managing Director, Goodman
Property Investors UK – What do the facts tell us – part 2.
- 10.50 **Professor Cliff Guy**; Cardiff University, School of Regional
Studies: Do Planners have the tools for the job?
- 11.30 Coffee
- 11.45 **Mario Wolf**, Planning Directorate, DCLG, PPS6 & Beyond
- 12.15 Discussion
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 **Miles Davis**, NRPF/University College London: Developing
the retail planners knowledge base: 30 years of Town
Centre Change.
- 14.30 **John Burton**, Development Director, Westfield, The UK in
A Global context.
- 15.00 **Panel with representatives from LGA, Retailers,
Developers and Agents**
- 15.45 A review of the day
- 16.00 Close and refreshments. 3/...

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RETAIL PLANNING – A REVIEW

I will be attending the Forum event on May 22nd at the Midland Hotel
Manchester.

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