

## **CANOPY WORKSHOPS**

**canopy** provide tailor-made training packages in all areas of environmental planning and design. Half-day or full-day modules can be delivered individually or as part of a more cost-effective suite of training. Please contact Erica Wilkinson, our Practice Manager, to discuss your Authority's training needs. Here are a few ideas...

### **Landscape and Biodiversity Field Day**

A follow-up to the introductory full-day module on Trees, Landscape and Ecology, we'll look at real development sites on the ground. Working in smaller groups from a mobile classroom, we'll equip planning officers with the skills and knowledge to quickly and easily identify key landscape and biodiversity constraints and opportunities. Delegates will attain the confidence to assess the fundamental landscape and biodiversity impacts of development proposals without recourse to 'specialist' consultees.

### **Biodiversity**

#### **Validating Planning Applications**

##### **A Guide to Standardising Validation of Applications for Biodiversity**

What information should you be requesting for both species and habitats?

How do you know it is adequate?

What are the special biodiversity assets in your area?

#### **The Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006**

##### **A New Biodiversity Duty for Local Authorities**

What does the duty mean for authorities?

How should we be implementing the new duty?

What is the role of senior officers and elected members in implementing the new duty?

What is the range of services affected and how can we achieve a model of good practice?

#### **How good is your biodiversity information?**

What biodiversity information should you hold and what should you be able to access?

Could you be challenged on whether your biodiversity data is current?

What is the role of local biodiversity partnerships?

What is the role of Biodiversity Record Centres?

How does your authority adequately interpret the information it receives or holds?

#### **Biodiversity Policy and Strategy**

What are the implications of your Authority's responsibilities under the NERC Act 2006?

Are your current biodiversity policies sufficiently robust?

What does the NERC Act mean for various departments, and the Authority as a whole?

### **Trees and Landscape**

#### **Sustainable Use of Tree Preservation Orders**

Are your TPOs up to date?

In the event of a prosecution case, will your TPO stand up to scrutiny?

How effective are your TPOs generally?

Would resources used in the administration of your TPOs be better used elsewhere?

How can your Authority use and administer TPOs more efficiently?

#### **Effective Use of Tree and Landscape Planning Conditions**

Do trees on development sites receive the level of protection specified in the approved plans?

Are soft landscape schemes implemented and maintained properly?

Does anyone proactively monitor implementation of tree and landscape conditions?

How can your Authority use and enforce tree and landscape conditions more effectively?