

**Thames Gateway Green Forum**  
**Thursday 9 October 2008**  
**Royal Horticultural Halls & Conference Centre, Greycoat Street, London SW1P 2QD**

## **AGENDA**

**09.00 Registration, tea and coffee**

**10.00 Welcome**

Iain Wright MP, Minister for Housing and Planning, Communities and Local Government (tbc)  
Minister (tbc), Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
Greg Clark, Lead Advisor, City and Regional Development, Communities and Local Government  
Q & A

**10.45 Launch of Thames Gateway Parklands Spatial Framework**

Sir Terry Farrell, Principal, Terry Farrell and Partners  
Comments and Q & A

**11.30 Tea and coffee in the exhibition area**

Opportunity to discuss the Spatial Framework with Sir Terry Farrell's team and the Parklands Business Plans with the sub-region representatives

**11.50 International leaders - developing the eco-region**

Dr Bernd Dallmann, Chief Executive Officer of Freiburg Wirtschaft Touristik und Messe GmbH & Co.

**12.10 International leaders - developing the eco-region**

Ronan Uhel, Head of Spatial Analysis and Territorial Development European Environment Agency

**12.30 Q & A**

**12.50 Introduction to eco-region workshops**

**13.00 Lunch in the exhibition area**

**14.00 Eco-region workshops session 1**

**15.00 Eco-region workshops session 2**

**16.00 Close**

**Thames Gateway Green Forum**  
**Thursday 9 October 2008**  
**Royal Horticultural Halls & Conference Centre, Greycoat Street, London SW1P 2QD**

## **ECO-REGION WORKSHOP SESSIONS**

### **SESSION ONE – 14.00-14.55**

- 1. 2012 Olympics – the environmental legacy**  
Chair: Shaun McCarthy, Chair of CSL London 2012

The Olympics will be an event of unprecedented scale and offers a fantastic opportunity not only to develop the wider Olympic site in a truly sustainable way but also to act as an exemplar for a variety of environmentally friendly techniques and technologies. This workshop will give stakeholders an opportunity to discuss the issues that are being faced by the 2012 Olympic environmental legacy and how the rest of the Gateway can benefit from the project.

- 2. Enhancing biodiversity and landscape in the Gateway**  
Chair: Alison Barnes and Brian McDonald, Natural England

The Thames Gateway contains some of the UK's most important landscapes and natural areas: terrestrial, marine, urban and rural. This workshop will focus on our proposals to preserve and enhance these existing assets in the context of the planned developments across the region.

- 3. Renewable and low carbon energy in the Gateway**  
Chair: Malcolm Ball, London Development Agency

The Gateway has the potential to make a significant contribution to the development and viability of a variety of low carbon and renewable technologies in the UK. This session will look at the opportunities and rationale to implementing different low carbon and renewable technologies across the Gateway.

- 4. Adapting to climate change in the Gateway**  
Chair: Bill Harris, Environment Agency

The Thames Gateway climate is changing, what should we expect and how can we mitigate the effects of dangerous climate change? This workshop will focus on flooding, water stress and overheating in the Gateway and explore how the natural and built environment can be adapted to cope.

**Thames Gateway Green Forum**  
**Thursday 9 October 2008**  
**Royal Horticultural Halls & Conference Centre, Greycoat Street, London SW1P 2QD**

## **ECO-REGION WORKSHOP SESSIONS**

### **SESSION TWO – 15.00-16.00**

- 5. Energy retrofitting in the Gateway**  
Chair: Richard Hurtford, Energy Saving Trust

With around 600,000 existing homes across the Gateway and ambitious plans to build many more, the opportunity to reduce carbon emissions is clear. This session will focus on the initiatives and incentives to save energy in homes across the Gateway and will also explore what opportunities exist for bringing together initiatives across this growing sector.

- 6. Environmental skills and jobs in the Gateway**  
Chair: Liam Jarnecki, Communities and Local Government

This workshop will focus on what added value the Eco Region concept can bring to the job market in the Gateway and how this should be integrated with the existing and planned education and skills funding and provision in the region.

- 7. Construction waste – transforming it into a resource**  
Chair: David Moon, WRAP/Defra

Building and retrofitting in the Gateway are key to delivering our ambitions and have traditionally created large quantities of waste. This workshop group will focus on the benefits of a sustainable approach to construction waste, Gateway exemplars and addressing the barriers to achieving the aspiration zero construction waste to landfill target.

- 8. Local Authorities and the eco-region**  
Chair: Ross Gill, Swale Forward

Local Authority support and leadership is an essential component in the successful delivery of the eco region concept. This group will examine the role of LAs in both planning and implementing this exiting and challenging agenda.