

ATI Training Autumn 2011:

**New ways of working
Wednesday 9th November 2011**

**Tree Strategies and Tree management policies
Wednesday 16th November 2011**

Painshill Park, Cobham, Surrey

Autumn short courses from ATI at the new venue [Painshill Park](#).

Against the background of shrinking and non-existent training budgets, ATI is offering two 3 hour courses on in November 2011. The courses run from 13:00 until 16:30 and are offered at just £60 per delegate. Lunch is not provided in order to keep costs down but afternoon tea and biscuits are. Hopefully the timings will allow most of you to require at most one day out of the office and no very early starts.

Its all about efficiency savings and doing more with less in local authorities these days. Like it or not this might involve some new thinking because the days of doing stuff because we have always done stuff and done it that way are over.

So what is on offer?

The New ways of working workshop will explore:

- A new approach to dealing with tree work applications. Hopefully not only will we be able to answer the question "if the average end to end time of a tree work application is 1 ½ hours why do we take 6 weeks to deal with them?"
- Planning application pre-application meetings. There is published guidance on the how and what around meetings. Its not about builders asking how close they can build to a tree anymore, the LPA is in charge and its the only way of extending the 8 or 13 week time limit.
- The 2010 guidance for planning application validation. Yes, that's right, March 2010. And some authorities aren't even aware of the cancelled 2007 guidance. Its time to stop blaming the system and getting the information that you need to determine an application. The solution is in your hands.
- A new approach to your role within Development management. What does Development Management team want from you? What do their Managers want from you?

- Planning conditions and Enforcement. The things we don't have time to do but which cause us the biggest headaches.

The Tree Strategies and Tree management policies workshop provides answers to the following questions involved in producing a strategy:

1. What is its purpose?
2. Where will it sit?
3. What will it contain?
4. Who will write it?
5. How will it be adopted?
6. How will you implement it?

So we will be looking at hooks to hang a policy on, Green Infrastructure public/Member involvement, the process of adoption, the Levels of Service concept; monitoring and reporting and what does success look like?

Please bring a memory stick so that you can download a range of resources that will be used during the workshops.

In order to book your place on either of the workshops please follow the link to the booking form

The workshops are presented by Richard Nicholson, currently the Greenspace Development Team Leader in Leisure Services at Borough of Poole. Richard is responsible for arboriculture, Section 106 collections for open space improvements, and currently Lead Officer of a cross service programme for a Systems Thinking approach for the Borough's Tree Service. Outside work, Richard provides training for local authorities, teaches on the Kew Diploma programme, is Senior Examiner for the ABC Professional Diploma in Arboriculture and is Chair of the 2011 review of BS 5837:2005 Recommendations for Trees in relation to construction. He also provides an arboricultural consultancy service.

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