

# IMPROVING SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL

## PUTTING RESEARCH INTO PRACTICE

A SDRN Workshop for Planners, Policy-makers and Researchers

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Programme: Friday 25 January 2008

- 10.45 Coffee and registration
- 11.15 Opening Plenary Session
- Welcome – Ben Shaw
  - Introduction to workstream – Jenny Crawford
  - Research method and preliminary findings – Katy Lock
  - Question and answer
  - Introduction to workshop sessions – Jeremy Owen
- 12.00 Workshop Session 1:  
Exploring the Research Themes
- 13.00 Lunch
- 13.45 Workshop Session 2:  
Exploring the Research Themes and Identifying Priorities
- 14.45 Tea break
- 15.00 Closing Plenary
- Feedback on research priorities from workshops
  - Discussion
  - Summing up
- 16.00 Finish

### Workshop Sessions

The workshop sessions will be structured around the 7 themes identified in the literature review:

1. Delivery of sustainable outcomes
2. Skills and Training
3. The Evidence Base
4. Effective consultation
5. Assessing significance
6. Integration with other assessment procedures
7. Decision-making

Workshop groups will explore the current strengths and weaknesses of the Sustainability Appraisal process, in the context of these themes and seek to identify priorities for research.