



# MAKING SPACE FOR WATER – IS THERE ENOUGH ROOM?

West Midlands Branch Annual Conference 2008

Austin Court, 80 Cambridge Street, Birmingham, B1 2NP

Friday 11th April 2008 9am-4pm

Dear CIWEM Member and/or potential new member

Please find attached the programme and booking form for the West Midlands Branch annual conference to be held at Austin Court, Birmingham on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

Making Space for Water is the cross Government programme taking forward the developing strategy for flood and coastal erosion risk management in England. The conference aims to look at the practicalities and challenges of meeting the government's requirement of 'Making Space for Water' in the context of the extreme flood events experienced by much of the Midlands region in the summer of 2007.

The conference contains a range of speakers from representatives of the local community, government and regulating bodies through to the consultants at the cutting edge of water related research and design. The response of the industry to these significant flood events will be considered, as well as exploration of the current research and future application of tools and techniques to help meet these challenges.

The morning session is to be chaired by David Rooke, head of Flood Risk Management at the Environment Agency, with the afternoon session and discussion being led by Peter Bide from the Planning Directorate of Communities and Local Government.

Buffet lunch will be provided along with a selection of exhibition stands available to view during the session breaks.

We hope that the attached programme is of interest to you and if so would ask that you confirm your interest and by completing the attached booking form and returning it no later than Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March to Miss Kate Burn at:

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