

**CIWEM - CMS
Flooding & Water Bill Conference
January 22nd 2009, SOAS, London**

The Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM) is an independent professional body and registered charity, advancing the science and practice of water and environment management for a clean, green and sustainable world. www.ciwem.org
This conference has been developed with the assistance of members of CIWEM's Rivers and Coastal Group. The Group comprise experts from a range of backgrounds who provide policy and technical advice to the Institution and assist in the production of a range of outputs.

The Venue: The venue is the School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS), Russell Square, London. This is a new, air conditioned lecture theatre, with all the modern AV aids and professional projectionists; there will be ample space to accommodate the anticipated delegate numbers.

Accommodation: There is a wide range of accommodation available in the area and delegates will receive a hotel list when they book.

The Organisers: The conference is being organised by Bob Earll of Coastal Management for Sustainability (CMS) in partnership with CIWEM.

Conference fee:

Conference fee	£160	VAT £24.00	£184.00
Concession rate*	£130	VAT £19.50	£149.50
Group Rate [3 or more paying together]	£140/person	VAT £21.00	£161.00 each
Full time Post Graduate student/ Retired CIWEM members	£45	VAT £6.75	£ 51.75

* Our aim is to make the conferences as inclusive as possible. The concession rate applies to individuals and organisations that clearly work from limited budgets in the academic or voluntary sector. We will review this on a case by case basis and place individuals and organisations on a register for future reference. Please contact us first by email to bob.earll@coastms.co.uk **before booking** if you think you qualify.

- The fee includes food and refreshments and the conference papers
- Delegates with special needs should make this clear on booking

Conditions:

- Payment may be by cheque, BACS, credit card or **online** at www.coastms.co.uk
- Cheques(made payable to 'CMS') should be sent to: **CMS, Candle Cottage, Kempley, Glos GL18 2BU**
- For BACS payments please **return the booking form first** for an invoice to be raised
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- Confirmation of registration will be acknowledged on receipt of booking form
- Receipts will be issued on payment
- Payment should be completed **BEFORE** the event; otherwise entry may be refused
- Refunds (less a £20 administration charge)will only be issued for cancellation more than ten working days before the meeting; substitutes are permitted

Further details from Bob Earll: Phone / Fax 01531 890415 Joining details - maps, directions and hotels - programme are on the CMS website: www.coastms.co.uk or Email: bob.earll@coastms.co.uk VAT No: 742 4367 34

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Background

In February 2008 the Government published their water strategy for England 'Future Water'. This put forward an integrated view of the importance that water plays in our society and the way Government will manage this. The summer floods of 2007 and 2008 have highlighted a wide range of challenges that we face in relation to flooding. The Pitt Review has clearly highlighted the need for changes to primary legislation and called for a single unifying act. In May in the Draft Queen's Speech Gordon Brown outlined plans for primary legislation – the Flooding and Water Bill – to take forward recommendations from the Future Water Strategy and outcomes of the Pitt Review. Defra officials with other departments and agencies and close collaboration with stakeholders are now taking this forward. At the same time the requirements of the Floods Directive have to be transposed before the end of 2009. This Bill represents a very significant opportunity to put in place systems that will actively implement new thinking in flooding and water management and support best practice.

The Process

Both *Future Water and the Pitt Review* were the subject of considerable consultation. It is expected that no pre-Bill consultation document will be prepared for this Bill, although the Government's Action Plan, including their proposals for legislation will be launched in the late autumn 2008. The draft Bill is likely to emerge shortly before the Easter recess so that it can enter formal consultation and pre-legislative scrutiny in the early summer; at this point stakeholders will be expected to present their views. The Bill is likely to be introduced to Parliament in the 2009 - 2010 session.

The aim of this conference is to enable stakeholders to develop and rehearse their views on the Government's proposed Flooding and Water Bill in order to help inform its development. For many in the sector this will be a once in lifetime opportunity. The objectives of the meeting will be to:

- Understand the viewpoints and intelligence that different stakeholders have on the draft Bill
- Allow delegates to debate and rehearse positions on key aspects of the Bill
- Provide feedback to delegates that will help inform their response to the draft Bill

Structure of the programme for the day

Defra have agreed to present an overview of their current thinking to set the context for the day. At the time of preparing the programme there was no clear structure to the Bill that is publicly available, so we have adopted an approach where stakeholders have been arranged in very broadly-related groups. Since officials will have discussed with different stakeholders their interests in the Bill each stakeholder selected will be in a good position to share their understanding of what the Bill might include and what they would wish to see in relation to coverage. There is likely to be consensus between stakeholders on some issues, and divergence of views on others.

The topics to be covered by the Bill

The content is likely to include two main parts, flood and water management issues:

Flooding: Measures in relation to surface water management, transposition of the Floods Directive requirements, SUDS adoption and maintenance measures, sewer micro-connections, critical infrastructure, information sharing, disaster recovery, flood event management and potential amendments to the Civil Contingencies Act

Water management: General binding rules: re drainage systems, drought management, surface water controls, site management, charging, innovation, competition, use of renewables, control of phosphates in detergents, Nitrogen, Prioritising expenditure.

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PROGRAMME

The format for the meeting The main structure of the meeting will comprise batches [4 stakeholders / batch] 4 x 10 minute presentations from major stakeholders in the water sector and then a substantial time allocated for discussion.

Your views: we will also be canvassing your opinions during the events to help produce feedback for delegates

09.45 **Session 1**
Welcome on behalf of CIWEM, Rivers and Coastal Group and Introduction to the day
Chairman: Chair Andrew Gilham,
Chairman CIWEM Rivers and Coastal Group & Environment Agency

09.50 **Defra briefing on the Current Context of the Flooding and Water Bill**
Presentation 15 mins **Steven Jones** Bill manager Flooding and Water Bill team Defra
Discussion 15 mins

Stakeholder views

10.20 **Environment Agency**
Elliot Robertson Flood Risk Management Policy Manager

10.30 **Local Government Association**
Richard Wills & Richard Belfield Lincolnshire County Council

10.40 **Water UK**
Jim Marshall Water UK

10.50 **National Flood Forum**
Mary Dhonau

11.00 **Discussion**

11.40 Break 1 Sandwich buffet & refreshments

Session 2:
Chairman: Ronnie Falconer Jacobs & **Jonathan Chapman** Environment Agency
[Both CIWEM Rivers and Coastal Group]

12.30 **Ofwat**
David Lane

12.40 **Association of British Insurers**
Justin Jacobs Associate Director / **Swenja Surminski** ABI

12.50 **CCWater**
Nick Ellins Head of Policy & Strategy

13.00 **WaPug**
Ian Noble MWH

13.10 **Discussion**

13.50 Sweets and refreshments

Session 3
Chairman: Terry Fuller Jacobs and Vice Chairman CIWEM Rivers and Coastal Group

14.30 **A Water Company view**
Andrew Brown & Paul Hickey Anglian Water plc

14.40 **Natural England**
Amanda Craig

14.50 **RSPB / Blue Print for Water**
Robert Cunningham

15.00 **Discussion**

15.40 **Summarising key points from the day & Discussion**
David Balmforth MWH

16.00 Close and refreshments