



## River and Coastal Group Study Weekend

### PLANNING FOR SUSTAINABLE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> (evening) to Sunday (afternoon) 30<sup>th</sup> March 2008**  
**Royal Holloway, University of London**  
**Egham, Surrey TW20 0EX**

In the UK over two million homes are at risk of flooding. Following last summers floods the profile of flooding in the UK has risen dramatically. Foundations for a national approach to flood risk management have been laid down in Defra's 'Making Space for Water' and in Planning Policy Guidance PPS25. Both of these raise the need to embed flood risk management into planning for future development as essential.

Three million new homes by 2016 is one of Prime Minister Gordon Brown's top priorities. This raises questions about how we plan for and sustainably manage future development particularly with the increased risks associated with building in the flood plain.

The weekend will discuss planning for sustainable flood risk management through lectures, site visits and workshops. It is aimed at those new to the industry providing a fantastic opportunity to socialise with people working in a similar field.

Presentations will be given on a wide range of topics looking at:

- What is 'Sustainable Flood Risk Management'?
- What legislation is in place that aims to promote sustainable flood risk management?
- How can we achieve sustainable flood risk management in different areas (coastal, urban and rural)?
- How effective have schemes in these areas been?
- What can we learn from the summer 2007 floods?
- How can we achieve sustainable flood risk management in the future with increased pressures from climate change and urban development?
- A workshop session is also planned to look at Strategic Flood Risk Assessments and their role in flood risk policy.

The final part of the Rivers and Coastal Group First Papers Competition (Topic: Raising Resilience) will also take place on the Saturday. For more information on the competition please contact Phil McLoughlin: [phil.mcloughlin@fabermaunsell.com](mailto:phil.mcloughlin@fabermaunsell.com). Please note that the closing date for this competition is the 25<sup>th</sup> of January.

Site visits will be undertaken on Saturday to the largest flood alleviation scheme in the UK, the Jubilee River, and on Sunday looking at the Hogsmill River Restoration project.

Accommodation will be provided in single en-suite study bedrooms on the university campus. There is ample free parking and good access to the M25 and Egham railway station.

The cost of the weekend includes all meals apart from the Friday evening, where there will be entertainment with an opportunity to meet other delegates. A boat trip on the Thames has been arranged for the Saturday evening which includes a meal and disco.

The cost of the weekend is £300 (including VAT) per person. Please indicate on the booking form any special dietary requirements.