

# Environmental Protection beyond 2013: delivering environmental improvements in times of austerity

A one-day conference to explore how local and national organisations are dealing with the current environmental challenges and seeking cost effective solutions.

These are challenging times for local authorities, environment agencies and other bodies involved in delivering improvements in environmental quality for UK residents. Finances are constrained for services across the public sector, including for environmental protection. This makes it all the more important that environmental protection priorities are clear and that remedies for environmental problems are as cost effective as possible.



The Autumn Conference will focus on the new challenges for EPUK, its members and partner organisations as they work to improve the UK environment in times of economic stringency. There will be expert presentations with discussion of current and emerging challenges and potential cost effective solutions, opportunities for exchanging experiences and networking, an exhibition and a closing reception.

## In particular there will be updates on:

- Government priorities in environmental quality, sustainable development and resource efficiency
- New evidence of air pollution impacts from EU studies and a discussion of the consequences
- Emerging concerns about new technologies for gas extraction, including fracking, and their environmental impacts
- Cost effective implementation of EU legislation to reduce noise and provide Quiet Areas

## The Conference will be of particular relevance to:

- Local authority Environmental Health Practitioners, Contaminated Land, Planning and Transport Officers
- Elected members with an environment brief or interest
- Environmental managers from the private and public sectors
- Environmental businesses and consultants, monitoring and other equipment manufacturers
- Academics who both teach and research environmental protection subjects

A full programme will be available shortly on our website: [www.environmental-protection.org.uk/events](http://www.environmental-protection.org.uk/events)

• **Attendance at this event provides five hours CPD certification** •

# Programme

10.30 **Registration, light refreshments available**

11.00 **Welcome and Introductions**

- *John Murlis, EPUK President*

## **SESSION I - Recent experience of delivering environmental improvements**

Session Chair: *EPUK Vice President Derek Osborn*

11.05 **Keynote Speech: Improving the UK environment: key issues and challenges**

- *The Rt Hon. the Lord Whitty, EPUK Vice President*

**Delivering improvement to the UK environment in time of economic difficulty**

- *Richard Fisher, Streetsmart Service Delivery Manager, Swindon Borough Council*

**Experiences of three key EPUK policy areas and future priorities:**

- **Environmental Issues Associated with Hydraulic Fracturing within Shale Gas**

- *John Naylor, Ground-Gas Solutions*

- **Air Quality: Implementation of DEFRA policy**

- *Professor Jim Longhurst, University of the West of England*

- **Noise: Quiet Areas, implementation and costs**

- *Stephen Turner and Tania Plahay, DEFRA*

**Summary of Session I**

- *EPUK Vice President Derek Osborn*

13.15 **Lunch, networking and displays/exhibits**

## SESSION 2 - Challenges and Potential Solutions

Session Chair: *EPUK Past President Professor Julian Hunt*

### **14.30 New evidence for air pollution impacts on health and its implications for pollution management**

- *Professor Roy Harrison, Birmingham University*

### **A life-cycle approach to sustainable product strategies**

- *Louis Brimacombe, Head of Environmental Technology, Tata Steel*

### **Promoting clean quiet urban transport: charging infrastructure for electric vehicles**

- *Professor David Bailey, Coventry University*

### **16.00 Summary of Session 2**

- *EPUK Past President Professor Julian Hunt*

## SESSION 3 - Consolidating gains, looking ahead to 2014 and beyond

Session Chair: *EPUK Vice President Richard Mills*

### **16.15 Environmental protection and public health: what has been achieved and what can be achieved now**

- *Senior Officer in Public Health (to be announced)*

### **General Discussion**

### **Overall Summary and Conclusions**

### **Key challenges for the future and how EPUK can play a role in shaping the effectiveness of environmental action post 2013**

- *John Murlis, EPUK President*

### **17.00 Close of Conference**

Light refreshments will be available following the close of conference for networking and exhibition.

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## Registration form

Please complete the form below and return to our office at the address below. You can also register online at [www.environmental-protection.org.uk/events](http://www.environmental-protection.org.uk/events). Should you require any further information then please email [events@environmental-protection.org.uk](mailto:events@environmental-protection.org.uk) or call 07710 183525.

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Contact Name

Address

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## Conference fees:

Environmental Protection UK Members:	£95.00 +VAT (£114.00 <sup>‡</sup> )	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non Members:	£145.00 +VAT (£174.00 <sup>‡</sup> )	<input type="checkbox"/>
Students:*	£16.67 +VAT (£20.00 <sup>‡</sup> )	<input type="checkbox"/>
Display Stand (includes one delegate place):	£245.00 +VAT (£294.00 <sup>‡</sup> )	<input type="checkbox"/>

\* Please supply a letter of confirmation from your tutor that you are in full-time education as a student.

## Appointed delegate(s):

First Delegate	Name	
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Second Delegate	Name	
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	Postcode	Email
Third Delegate	Name	
	Postal Address	
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## Payment method:

- ☐ Cheque (please enclose a cheque made payable to 'Environmental Protection Trading Ltd')
- ☐ Invoice (official purchase order must accompany the Registration Form)
- ☐ Credit Card (please use the PayPal button on our website [www.environmental-protection.org.uk/events](http://www.environmental-protection.org.uk/events))

*In the event of cancellation, one half of the fee will be credited up to 3rd October 2013, but after that date no credit will be possible due to the way in which we are charged by our suppliers. A substitute delegate is always welcome.*

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