INTEGRATING PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2019

The Landmark Hotel, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim
Chair: Olivia Kelly, Irish Times

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# Integrating Planning and Development Conference Programme

## Wednesday 3 April

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| 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm | Senior Planners Forum  
for Senior Planners working in local authorities |
| 7.00 pm         | Welcome Reception with a special welcome from  
Sean McGowan, Cathaoirleach Leitrim County Council |

## Thursday 4 April

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| 9:30 am - 11:00 am | SESSION 1: PLANNING FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
Sean Laffey Head of Asset Management, Irish Water  
Maria Graham Assistant Secretary, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government  
Dave Walsh Chair, An Bord Pleanála |
| 11:30 am - 1.00 pm | COFFEE |
| 11:15 am - 12.15 pm | SESSION 2: URBAN REGENERATION IN FOCUS  
Lar Power Chief Executive, Leitrim County Council  
Rosie Webb Senior Architect, Limerick City and County Council  
Eunan Quinn Senior Planner, Donegal County Council |
| 2.15 pm - 3.15 pm | LUNCH |
| 3.45 pm - 4.30 pm | SESSION 4: RURAL LAND USE FOCUS – FORESTRY  
Ciaran Fallon Director of External Affairs, Coillte  
Trevor McHugh Managing Director, Veon |
| 7.30 pm         | Gala Dinner Reception followed by Gala Dinner (8.00 pm) |

## Friday 5 April

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<td>9:45 am</td>
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| 10:00 am | MINISTERIAL ADDRESS  
Minister Eoghan Murphy TD  
Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government |
| 10:15 am - 10.45 am | ESTABLISHING AND ENABLING THE OFFICE FOR PLANNING REGULATION  
Niall Cussen Planning Regulator, Office of the Planning Regulator |
| 11:15 am - 12.15 pm | COFFEE |
| 11:15 am - 12.15 pm | SESSION 5: URBAN REGENERATION PRACTICE  
John Coleman Chief Executive, Land Development Agency  
Professor Peter W Roberts OBE Interim Chair, Northern Ireland Housing Executive  
Angela Ryan Water Resource Planner, Irish Water |
| 12.15 am - 12.45 pm | SESSION 6: ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY CHANGE  
Dr Marian Coll – Ecologist and Lecturer, TU Dublin  
Paula Galvin Director, McCutcheon Halley Chartered Planning Consultants |
| 12.45 pm | Plenary Session Conclusions                                           |
| 2.30 pm | Tours (see overleaf for details)  
PLEASE SPECIFY WHICH TOUR YOU WISH TO ATTEND ON BOOKING |
| 5.00 pm | CLOSE OF CONFERENCE AND DEPARTURE  
Please note that delegates intending to travel to Carrick on Shannon by train and who wish to take part in the walk or the cruise will be able to avail of the 17.42 train to Dublin on Friday 5 April. |
TOUR OPTIONS

Option A: TOWN WALK
Join Vivienne Egan (Leitrim County Council), Ciaran Tracey (IPI / formerly of Leitrim County Council) and Teresa Callaghan (Carrick on Shannon Historical Society) on a 2 hour looped walking tour of Carrick on Shannon – taking in The Historic Town Centre, the Quays, the old Gaol, The Dock Arts center [former courthouse], St. George’s Terrace, the Market Yard, Costello Chapel and Main Street highlighting the proposed Public Realm Improvement Scheme approved under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Scheme 2019, St. George’s Visitor Centre, the Famine Workhouse and much more highlighting the ongoing collaborative work to create a diverse and vibrant town core.

Option B: BOAT TRIP
Join Bernard Greene (Leitrim County Council) on a 90 minute cruise of the River Shannon on ‘Moon River Pleasure Crusier’. The cruise will travel upstream initially towards Leitrim Village travelling under Carrick on Shannon iconic historic bridge highlighting the proposed CFRAM flood relief works by the OPW on both sides of the river, the impact of flooding on existing riverside development, proposed boardwalks, important habitats, etc. The cruise will then turn and head back to Carrick on Shannon and then downstream towards the historic village of Jamestown, a walled town built during the Plantation of Leitrim highlighting recreational uses on the River including pleasure cruising, rowing, water sports and identifying boardwalks, significant riverside developments, etc.

SPEAKERS

Eoghan Murphy TD was appointed to Cabinet as the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government in June 2017 by An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar. Prior to that he served as Minister of State at the Departments of Finance and Public Expenditure & Reform, with special responsibility for Financial Services, eGovernment and Public Procurement. He is a member of Fine Gael and represents the constituency of Dublin Bay South. He was first elected to Dáil Éireann in 2011, and was subsequently re-elected in 2016. Between 2009 and 2011 he served as a Councillor on Dublin City Council for the Pembroke-Rathmines ward. Before his appointment as Minister of State, Eoghan served on the Banking Inquiry, the Public Accounts Committee, the Dáil Reform Committee, as Head of the Oireachtas delegation to the OSCE, and as Chairperson of the Fine Gael Transport, Tourism and Sport Committee.

Olivia Kelly is the Dublin Correspondent of The Irish Times and also focuses on environmental and social issues with an emphasis on housing, water, and waste. Olivia is Conference Chair for the 2019 IPI Annual Planning Conference.

Joe Corr was elected President of the Irish Planning Institute in January 2018. The Swords based town planner has extensive experience in the planning and delivery of residential development of all scales – greenfield and brownfield – and of major infrastructure projects. He has a unique insight on the planning process having also served as an elected Councillor and as Mayor of Fingal. He previously worked in policy development for national government and is a host trainer in career development for international public-sector planners.
Dave Walsh was appointed Chairperson of An Bord Pleanála in October 2018. He previously served as Assistant Secretary in the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, with primary responsibility for planning policy (including development and delivery of the National Planning Framework) and housing market and rental policy, with a key focus on coordinated implementation of the Government’s Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness. Prior to this, Dave headed up the Department’s Environment and Climate Division, leading Ireland’s and the EU’s negotiations on climate change during Ireland’s 2013 EU Presidency which ultimately led to the adoption of the Paris UN Climate Change Agreement in 2015. In a civil service career spanning 23 years in the Custom House, he also had responsibility for a wide range of areas, including national waste policy, environmental legislation and compliance with EU environmental law, spatial planning policy and NSS implementation, as well as electoral and local government policy.

Joining Irish Water as Asset Programmes Manager in 2013, Sean brought with him a wealth of experience in Engineering and Water Services gained with South Dublin County Council, Kildare County Council and, most recently, with Carlow County Council. He was also part of the Water Services Transiton Office working with Local Authorities preparing to transition services to Irish Water. Taking on the role of acting Head of Asset Management in 2016, Sean has been responsible for the strategic investment planning for the 2017-2021 Capital Investment Plan as well as Connections and Developer Services and Asset Strategy.

Maria Graham is an Assistant Secretary within the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. Since November 2018, she has had responsibility for the Planning Division, dealing with the appropriate strategic policy and legislative planning framework for both terrestrial and marine spatial planning. Immediately, prior to this position, Maria headed up the Water Division of the Department, working on sectoral reforms, including the establishment, governance and funding of Irish Water. In previous roles within the Department, Maria has had responsibility for planning policy, water capital investment, housing finance and policy and public private partnerships. Prior to joining the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, Maria worked in a number of other Government Departments including the Departments of Finance, Foreign Affairs and Social Protection.

Lar was appointed as Chief Executive of Leitrim County Council in March of this year, a native of County Wexford, he graduated from University College Dublin in 1991 with a Bachelors Degree (Honours) in Civil Engineering and in 2003 he graduated from Dublin City University with a Masters of Business Administration. Lar has worked his entire career in the local authority sector. Prior to Leitrim Lar worked in Wexford County Council, Enniscorthy Urban District Council, Waterford County Council, Waterford City Council and finally Waterford City and County Council. Lar was promoted to Director of Services in 2003 and Deputy Chief Executive of Waterford City and County Council in 2014. Lar has extensive experience in the local authority sector and is very passionate about the role of the local authority in place making.

Eunan Quinn is Senior Planner with Donegal County Council having graduated from Queen’s University Belfast’s School of the Built Environment in 1990. Eunan is an active Member of the Irish Planning Institute, having previously served on the Institute’s national executive, and has a MSc in Innovation Management in the Public Service (jointly conferred by Ulster University & Letterkenny Institute of Technology).

Rosie Webb is the Senior Architect in Economic Development at Limerick City and County Council. She leads programmes of work to stimulate and consolidate the historic city centres of Limerick City, its towns and villages. She provides strategic vision and plan implementation using projects, programmes and initiatives dedicated to place-making and physical development. Rosie is a Member of the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland and a Registered Architect in the State of Illinois. She is accredited in building conservation. Prior to her role as a public service architect, Rosie worked in private practice in London, Chicago and Dublin where she worked on projects ranging in scale from housing to civic offices, to museums and stadium. She holds a Bachelors Degree in Architecture from Cornell University in the USA and a Masters in Architecture (Urban Design) from the University of Limerick. She is also a lecturer at the School of Architecture at University of Limerick and founder of the Adaptive Governance Lab at SAUL.

Rosie has had responsibility for planning policy, water capital investment, housing finance and policy and public private partnerships. Prior to joining the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, Maria worked in a number of other Government Departments including the Departments of Finance, Foreign Affairs and Social Protection.

DAVE WALSH

SEAN LAFFEY

MARIA GRAHAM

LAR POWER

ROSIE WEBB

EUNAN QUINN
Sheenagh Rooney is an Assistant Secretary within the Department for Rural and Community Development. She leads the Corporate Affairs and Strategic Development Division and has responsibility for: leading and growing the Department's strategic policy development, policy coordination, research, and evaluation. HR, Finance, Communications and other business support functions to strengthen the Department's capacity to deliver on its overall objectives of rural and community development. She also oversees the Department for Project Ireland 2040 - Rural Regeneration and Development Fund. She joined the Department in 2018. She is a former Director with the Commission for Regulation of Utilities where she was responsible for regulating the activities of Irish Water and oversight of CRU Corporate functions. Prior to joining CRU, Sheenagh worked for a number of years within the private sector as a Consultant Economist. She has a degree in Economics and Law from NUIG with a Masters in Economics.

Mark Adamson is the Head of the Flood Relief and Risk Management Division in the Office of Public Works in Ireland. Mark is responsible for the implementation of the EU ‘Floods’ Directive in Ireland, including flood mapping, the advisory service to planning authorities on flood risk, climate change adaptation planning for flood risk management, and for the technical aspects of the design of flood relief schemes. Mark was also Chairman of the EU Working Group on Floods (WGF) for six years.

John Boyle is Director of Business Development with Waterways Ireland - one of the six North/South Implementation Bodies established under the British Irish Agreement in 1999. Waterways Ireland manages, maintains, develops and promotes over 1000km inland navigable waterways principally for recreational purposes. John is responsible for the strategic planning processes and driving forward the recreational and tourism development of the inland waterways to provide urban and rural regeneration through which they flow. He is active in creating partnerships and joint ventures, securing funding, and marketing and promoting the valuable recreational inland waterways to increase use by both tourists and local communities. John is an accountant by trade and previously worked as Financial Controller in the Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service.

Ciaran Fallon is Head of External Affairs for Coillte. Ciaran has held several senior roles in Coillte's forestry division. He Chairs the European State Forestry Association Bioeconomy Group and sits on the Steering Group of the Irish Natural Capital Forum. He holds an engineering degree from Trinity College, a masters degree in research and evaluation from DCU and a PhD from UCD where he studied public participation in environmental decision making in Ireland. Ciaran's interest in planning and public engagement stems from his experience as a Councillor of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council from 2004-08.

Trevor McHugh joined IFS, the predecessor to Veon, in 1998 and became Managing Director of the company in 2004. He successfully developed the operational areas of the business, including the design, development and implementation of key management systems. Trevor has successfully negotiated a number of strategic relationships so as to enhance the services provided by Veon to its clients. Through various initiatives, Trevor has expanded the strategic land use held by Veon’s various corporate and farm forestry clients. Trevor is an active member of Forest Industries Ireland, believing strongly in positive stakeholder engagement that aims to ensure that Ireland’s still young and developing forestry sector can deliver for owners and the economy alike. Efficient timber mobilisation is a key aspect of making this a success and Trevor has placed great emphasis on this over recent years, chairing the Forest Harvest Training Forum as well as holding a seat on the Forest Industry Transport Group.

Niall Cussen was appointed as the first ever Planning Regulator in December 2018. The appointment of an independent Planning Regulator with oversight of the planning system in Ireland was one of the key recommendations of the Mahon Tribunal and the establishment of the Office of the Planning Regulator was provided for under the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2018. Previously the Chief Planner at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, Niall has been centrally involved in the development of a range of national planning policies, including the National Planning Framework published earlier this year as part of Project Ireland 2040. He has also previously worked in An Bord Pleanála and in Dublin City Council and Meath, Clare and Roscommon County Councils. He is an Economics and Geography graduate of UU Maynooth and has also been awarded a Diploma in Environmental Engineering from Trinity College Dublin and a Masters of Regional and Urban Planning from UCD. Niall is a Past President of the IPI.

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Professor Peter Roberts is currently Professor Emeritus at the University of Leeds, Interim Chair of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Chair of the First Ark Group, a Board Member of the Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust, an Honorary Professor at Queen’s University Belfast and a Visiting Professor at the University of Ulster. His research and professional interests cover a range of topics, including strategic planning, regeneration, housing and community development. In recent years he has served on a number of public bodies, including the Academy for Sustainable Communities (Chair) and the Homes and Communities Agency (a non-executive director). He has also been active for many years in academic and professional organisations and has published widely across his fields of interest. His research and practice interests have also caused him to be involved in several expert committees and task forces, including the roles of Chair of the Byker Task Force and Chair of the Oldham Beyond Group. He is currently chairing an inquiry into the long-term future of the Dearne Valley. He is a keen hill walker, enjoys opera and classical music and demonstrates his strategic vision and boundless optimism through his support for Liverpool Football Club.

John Coleman is Chief Executive of the Land Development Agency (LDA). The LDA was formed in September 2018 and is focused on opening up State owned land for development, the regeneration of under-utilised sites and legacy use areas, and assembling strategic land-banks over the long-term. He is a Chartered Accountant and previously worked at the National Asset Management Agency (NAMA), where he was Chief Financial Officer. John has a long-standing background in property finance, and was centrally involved in creating NAMA’s Residential Delivery division.

Angela Ryan is a chartered civil engineer and water resources planner for with the asset management section of Irish Water. Angela is currently the project lead for the National Water Resources Plan, the 25 year strategic plan for water services, which will set out how the company will meet the present and future challenges of water supply.

Marian is an ecologist and has worked as an Environmental Consultant since 2000. She has worked in the field of Environmental Impact Assessment, Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment as well as carrying out on site Ecological Impact Assessments of flora and fauna. Marian is expert in complex landuse plans and large-scale infrastructural projects.

Paula is a Director with McCutcheon Halley Planning Consultants Dublin office and has 20 years’ experience in successfully delivering both planning and environmental consents. Having worked in both development and consultancy roles, Paula understands that there are many factors that influence development proposals, and a balance must be achieved to ensure that projects remain viable while working within the parameters of relevant planning and environmental policy and legislation. Paula has directed the preparation of Environmental Impact Assessment Reports for a diverse range of projects including residential, infrastructure and renewable energy generation. She is particularly interested in environmental planning law and the impact of decisions from European and Irish courts on development proposals. Paula holds a MSc in Spatial Planning from Dublin Institute of Technology, an M.A. in Geography from University College Dublin, a Diploma in EIA and SEA Management from University College Dublin, and a Diploma in Planning and Environmental Law from Kings Inns.