



## A Seminar on Assessing the Viability of Affordable Housing

9.15a.m. for arrivals, starting at 9.30a.m.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010

At The Meadows Centre, Kings Hedges, Cambridgeshire

### Outline

- 9.15 Arrivals
- 9.30 Welcome  
*Kevin Marshall, St Edmundsbury Borough Council*
- 9.45 Introduction to the Cambridge sub-region's Section 106 (s106) report  
*John Paterson, ARK*
- 10.45 Coffee
- 11.00 The viability of affordable housing  
*Robert Searle and Richard Dixon, Adams Integra*
- 12.00 The Grimley Toolkit for economic appraisals  
*Andy Leahy, Bespoke Property Group*
- 13.00 Questions and Answers
- 13.30 Close

## Introduction to the Seminar

Today's event draws together three important strands of work that the Cambridge Sub Region housing enablers have been leading on.

- Ark Consultancy was commissioned to carry out a review of section 106 agreements across the sub region, with a view to drawing out good practice and to establishing a more consistent approach.
- Adams Integra was commissioned to carry out a viability study to evidence affordable housing policies in four of the districts as part of the LDF process.
- Finally individual districts have been working with Bespoke Property Group to carry out site specific viability appraisals.

In the session this morning we will hear from each consultant, not only about the work they have carried out in the sub region, but drawing on their wider and extensive experience.

I am sure there may be overlaps in what they say and we may even get a differing of opinions at times! After all the content of section 106 agreements and the issue of viability is open to interpretation.

I think the value of today's event will be the opportunity to put questions to the presenters and to allow debate on issues that may arise during the question and answer session, hopefully informing and developing our own views on these key areas.

*Kevin Marshall, on behalf of Cambridge Sub-Region's Housing Enablers*

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