



**Yorkshire and The Humber Rural Affairs Forum**  
**1<sup>st</sup> February 2011, 9.30am-1.00pm**  
**Sand Hutton Suite, Food & Environment Research Agency, Sand Hutton**

## **AGENDA**

- 9.30** Registration and Refreshments.
- 10.00** Welcome and Introduction - Tony Pexton, Chairman, Rural Affairs Forum.
- 10.10** The Localism Bill - Andrew Thurston, Head of Enterprise & Development, Lincolnshire County Council.
- 10.30** Community-Led Planning in Context - Dave Melling, Rural Economic Development Programmes Coordinator, Bradford Council.
- 10.45** The Hudswell Initiative - Martin Booth, Secretary, Hudswell Community Pub Ltd.
- 11.00** Refreshments.
- 11.15** Discussion Groups - Helen Wright, Executive Manager, Rural Affairs Forum.
- 12.15** Plenary Session - Tony Pexton, Chairman, Rural Affairs Forum.
- 12.30** Closing Remarks - Tony Pexton, Chairman, Rural Affairs Forum.
- 13.00** Lunch.



The Discussion Groups are structured around two specific elements of the Localism Bill - Neighbourhood Planning / Right to Build and Right to Buy / Right to Challenge. Members are asked to consider both the challenges and opportunities presented by these provisions to the wellbeing of rural communities. Groups will be asked to feedback three key points during a short Plenary Session. The outcome of the discussions will be put onto the Rural Affairs Forum Website. Consideration will be given to a submission being made by the Rural Affairs Forum on the Localism Bill to the Localism Bill Committee.

The Groups are -

### **Discussion Group 1**

*Neighbourhood Planning / Right to Build*

This Group will be facilitated by Stephen Hunt, Housing and Spatial Strategy Manager, East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Stephen will give a brief introduction to the issues - particularly as they relate to rural areas.

### **Discussion Group 2**

*Right to Buy / Right to Challenge*

This Group will be facilitated by Steve Howdle, Rural Policy Officer, East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Steve will give a brief introduction to the issues - particularly as they relate to rural areas.