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One year on from its establishment, the Wessex Rural and Farming Network (WRFN) has joined forces with leading national planning and housing charity the TCPA and Wiltshire Council to take stock of the challenges and opportunities facing rural communities and businesses across Southern England.

After three years of planning and housing reform – through the Localism Act, the National Planning Policy Framework, and the Growth and Infrastructure Act, alongside planning deregulation and new incentives for growth – this seminar will debate whether current policies delivering for a living and working countryside in Wessex.

The seminar will explore the progress and application of rural policies and support programmes as the reforms move from debate to reality. It will be a key opportunity to discuss and debate whether the measures are working, not just for the economy, but also in the delivery of well-planned, truly sustainable homes in healthy, vibrant and inclusive communities.

Speakers will be drawn from national experts in housing, planning and rural issues, as well as those with a particular interest in and knowledge of issues facing the South of England. However, the seminar is just as much an opportunity to engage with businesses, professionals and communities in Wessex and get delegate feedback on the challenges facing them.

As well as establishing the current political, policy, economic, social and environmental factors shaping Wessex's future, this seminar will also seek to create constructive recommendations about how every community can reach its full potential.

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### Programme

#### Speakers subject to confirmation

- 09.30** Registration and coffee
- 10.00** Welcome and introduction from the Chair  
**Mike Ridout**, Chairman, Wessex Rural Farming Network
- 10.10** Key rural policies – overview  
**Trevor Cherrett**, Rural policy consultant
- 10.30** The big picture: updates on the policy landscape  
Speakers:
- **Planning:** **Dr Hugh Ellis**, Chief Planner, TCPA
  - **Housing:** **Jo Lavis**, Rural housing consultant
  - **Economy:** **Tim Martiensen**, Head of Economy & Regeneration, Wiltshire Council
- 11.00** Questions and discussion
- 11.30** Coffee
- 11.45** Transforming policy into real examples on the ground locally and across Wessex  
Speakers:
- **Local plans and community/neighbourhood planning:** **Jeff Bishop**, Independent consultant, and **Belinda Fowler**, Wiltshire Community Action
  - **Social enterprise:** **Jo Rose**, North Dorset District Council
  - **Rural business perspective:** **Martin Bazeley**, Barn Store Franchisor and business owner and **Tara Scougall**, Barn Store Franchisee and business owner
- 12.30** Questions and discussion
- 13.00** Lunch
- 13.45** Update from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
**John Coleman**, Head of Programme Management Office, Rural Communities Policy Unit, Defra  
Followed by questions and discussion
- 14.15** One year on – update on the Wessex Rural Farming Network  
**Mike Ridout**, Chairman, Wessex Rural Farming Network
- 14.30** Feedback from delegates on housing, planning and economy priorities for the Wessex Rural Farming Network
- 15.00** Closing remarks from the Chair
- 15:10** Seminar closes

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