



**Affordable Rural Housing
Commission: One Year On**
14TH June 2007 - The QE2 Centre, London

Commission for
Rural Communities
Tackling rural disadvantage

Workshops

Three workshops will be exploring key areas of policy and practice, which are critical for increasing the delivery of affordable rural housing.

1 Regional Strategies

Regional Spatial Strategies and Regional Housing Strategies are key policy instruments which determine the quantity and location of new housing development. How well are they serving the needs of rural communities?

This workshop will discuss the comments and perceptions returned to the CRC via our questionnaire, and some preliminary results of an evaluation we are undertaking of the rural content of RSS and RHS.

Chairman: Professor Michael Winter
Presenter: Jo Lavis

2 Sustainable Rural Communities

What do we mean by sustainable rural communities ? How is sustainable development perceived and understood by key agencies involved in planning and delivering rural housing?

This workshop will be exploring these highly contentious issues, drawing upon a Discussion Paper published by the CRC and current research being undertaken by ECOTEC.

Chairman: Professor Mark Shucksmith
Presenter: Trevor Cherrett

3 Local and community planning

Local Development Frameworks, Sustainable Community Strategies, Parish Plans.how fit for purpose are these and other local policy instruments for delivering affordable housing on the ground in villages and market towns ?

Are local communities being engaged effectively?

This workshop will check progress at grass roots level and assess the roles which can be played by Housing Associations, Local Authorities, Rural Housing Enablers, Community Land Trusts and other initiatives.

Chairman: Alison McLean
Presenter: Kirstine Riding