Professor Rozee will explore the challenges faced by the planning system in the 21st century and how it is responding. Her lecture will focus on the evolving Local Development Framework system and aim to show how it has the capability to deliver a plan-led process which responds effectively to uncertainty, whilst providing a framework for delivering much needed development and supporting infrastructure which commands broad community support.

What’s the nature of the challenge?
Focusing on the shortage of housing, the unstable housing market, climate change and community cohesion.

What progress has been made?
A review of the period from the 2000 Green Paper to the 2008 Planning Bill.

Are there hopeful signs?
Professor Rozee will review progress on LDFs since 2004 and look at a potential new spirit of cooperation within spatial planning.

What is still needed?
Key issues identified by Professor Rozee as commitment, continuity and stability.

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