

What's happened

What's coming



Welcome



Welcome to the first of a new series of seasonal updates on NIPA activity, created and championed by Amanda Pownall and Alex Crow with NIPA Council and working group leads. For anyone who has joined a NIPA event recently or been following our LinkedIn posts, I hope you're seeing a new energy and commitment to working for and communicating with members. I also hope you're getting inspiration from the people who are at the heart of NIPA's activity – our leaders from across the Board, Council and Early Years Practitioners Steering Group – and I remain grateful for everything they're doing as volunteers to make NIPA work for you.

With our NIPA Plan out, and a new three-year vision to build a vibrant community of practice to drive better national infrastructure planning, now is the time to get involved. I hope this update shows how you can build your network, strengthen your knowledge and discover the opportunities that being part of NIPA offers. Happy reading!

Tom Carpen, NIPA Board Chair

Spring Breakdown

NIPA Matters MHCLG Infrastructure Planning Working Paper **3 FEB**

Hosted by Tom Carpen (NIPA Board Chair), David Grattan (Grattan Planning), Ali Leeder (AEOS), Harry Dent (WSP) and MHCLG guests

NIPA EYP event with ICE **18 FEB**

Joint knowledge sharing and networking event

CONSULTATION RESPONSE: Planning Reform Working Paper issued to MHCLG **27 FEB**

Policy and Practice Working Group **VIEW**

CONSULTATION RESPONSE: Draft Nuclear Energy Generation (EN-7) issued to DESNZ **3 APR**

Policy and Practice Working Group **VIEW**

NIPA Matters **10 APR**

All member briefing on NIPA Plan

Planning and Infrastructure Bill **24 APR**

Letter from Tom Carpen (NIPA Board Chair) **VIEW**

Spring Breakfast share Bristol **29 APR**

Hosted by Olivia Heininger (Burgess Salmon) and Vicki Redman (WBD)

NIPA Matters Planning and Infrastructure Bill reforms **12 MAY**

Members consultation with stakeholders

NIPA AGM **13 MAY**

Hosted by NIPA Council Chair Steve Norris and Michael Humphries KC NIPA Treasurer (FTB)

Energy Security and Net Zero Select Committee on National Energy Infrastructure Planning Policy **21 MAY**

Evidence presented by Peta Donkin (LDA Design), Ali Leeder (Aeos) and Graham Gunby (Suffolk County Council)

Spring Breakdown

Spring Social London

Hosted by Jordan Martin (DWD)

29 MAY

Shared our thoughts with MHCLG on forthcoming guidance and requirements for pre-application consultation re: Planning and Infrastructure Bill

Led by Ali Leeder (Board Member) with NIPA member input [VIEW](#)

30 MAY

CONSULTATION RESPONSE: issued to DESNZ on the proposed changes to the energy infrastructure National Policy Statements (EN-1, EN-3 and EN-5)

Led by David Grattan (Grattan Planning) and Peta Donkin (LDA Design) with NIPA member input (Ian Fletcher, Greg Tomlinson, Michael Bedford KC, Matt Fox, Matt Sharpe and Alex Herbert)

2 JUN

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NSIP Centre of Excellence Conference, sponsored by NIPA

Workshops led by Matt Fox (Pinsent Masons), Peta Donkin (LDA), Anna Sutherland-Bamber (Jacobs), Alex Higgin (Quod), Joanna Camille-St. Marie (National Grid) and Jess Bere (Gateley Hamer), attended by all delegates

11 JUN

Annual NIPA Conference

Led by Robbie Owen (Pinsent Masons) with input from NIPA Council and Board, organised by Lucinda Howe (Quadrilect)

7 JUL

NIPA Plan

Publication of the NIPA Plan

10 JUL

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CONSULTATION RESPONSE: Community benefits and shared ownership consultation

Led by Alex Herbert (Telis Energy), Mark Williets (North Kesteven), with NIPA member input from Andy Hunt and Ellie Evans [VIEW](#)

16 JUL

Environmental Audit Committee inquiry into Airport expansion and climate and nature targets

Evidence presented by Peta Donkin (LDA Design)

16 JUL



Summer – Autumn 2025

CONSULTATION RESPONSE: 25 JUL

Biodiversity Net Gain for NSIPs

Led by Policy and Practice Working Group (Peta Donkin)

Workshop Ports NPS response 16 JUL

Led by the Policy and Practice Working Group and Matt Fox (Pinsent Masons) – 1 AUG

Call for Evidence by Energy Security and Net Zero Committee – Consultation and scrutiny of EN-7 17 AUG

Led by Catherine Anderson (WSP)

EYP breakfast share Leeds 20 AUG

Hosted by Orla Downs (Ardent)

Breakfast share Glasgow 2 SEP

Hosted by Catherine Anderson (WSP)

EYP site visit 9 SEP

National Grid Yorkshire Green, hosted by Joanna Camille-St. Marie (National Grid)

Social Bristol 11 SEP

Hosted by Peta Donkin (LDA Design) and Vicki Redman (WBD)

NIPA in the North: Liverpool 16 SEP

Save the date

NEW: Lunch box talk 18 SEP

40-minute quick fire session

Energy NSIPs hosted by Alex Herbert (Telis Energy)

Social Leeds 23 SEP

Hosted Phil Emison (Costain)

All members call OCT

NEW: Lunch box talk 13 OCT

Infrastructure reform and changes in consultation hosted by Tom Hacker (Ardent)

Breakfast share London 14 OCT

Hosted by Vicki Redman (WBD) & Jordan Martin (DWD)

Annual Dinner NOV 20

Save the date

Response to MHCLG Consultation on Guidance for pre-application consultation AUTUMN

Volunteers welcome

NEW: Lunch box talk [online event] DEC

The value of story telling for national infrastructure hosted by Greg Phillimore (Camargue)

London and Birmingham socials DEC

How you can get involved

Lunch box talks and social events

We are looking for volunteers to host lunch time events on their favourite topic or to organise breakfast shares and socials - please contact [Alex Crow](#) or [Amanda Pownall](#)

NIPA Matters

Something on your mind for NSIPs? Host a NIPA Matters supported by us – just get in touch with [Vicki Redman](#) or [Phil Emison](#)

Policy and practice consultation responses

Any NIPA member can get involved in our responses, please get in touch with [Peta Donkin](#) and [David Grattan](#)

Working Group volunteers

We will be sending out an email shortly to appeal for volunteers to support our working groups: Policy and Practice, Engaging and Growing a Diverse Membership, and Learning and Research