



Welcome

Welcome to the second edition of the 2025 NIPA Newsletter.

As the Government continues its commitment to streamlining infrastructure planning and accelerating the development of critical infrastructure, it's been a busy and productive period for NIPA!

Highlights of the year for the Policy and Practice Working Group so far:

- ▶ Facilitated 3 NIPA Matters discussions.
- ▶ Submitted 9 consultation responses on topics such as community benefits, consultation and biodiversity net gain; as well as specific sectors including ports, nuclear and electricity networks.
- ▶ Shared our thinking with MHCLG on pre-application consultation guidance.
- ▶ Presented evidence 4 times to Government select committees.

These efforts have seen contributions from over 70 members, reflecting the strength and diversity of our membership. Thank you to everyone who has attended events and volunteered their time for consultation responses!

We would encourage members to volunteer or to reach out direct if there is a particular topic or matter that you would like to get involved with and support. Personally, it's been incredibly rewarding to connect with and learn from early year practitioners, board members, and volunteers from a wide range of disciplines and backgrounds.

Any NIPA member can get involved in our responses, so please do get in touch with Peta Donkin and me.

Here's to continued collaboration and impact in the months ahead!



David Grattan, Co-lead Policy and Practice Working Group



What we've done

CONSULTATION RESPONSE: 25 JUL

Biodiversity Net Gain for NSIPs

Peta Donkin (Arcadis), Sinead Morrissey (TLT), Colin Turnbull (DWD), Angus Walker (TLT)

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CONSULTATION RESPONSE: Ports NPS 1 AUG

Matt Fox (Pinsent Masons), Robbie Owen (Board Member), Harry Philpott KC (FTB), Jan Bessell (Board Member), Scott Finnan (Mace)

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Call for Evidence by Energy Security and 17 AUG

Net Zero Committee: Consultation and scrutiny of EN-7

Catherine Anderson (WSP), Michael Humphries KC (Board Member), Matt Fox (Pinsent Masons)

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EYP breakfast share: Leeds 20 AUG

Orla Downs (Ardent)

CONSULTATION RESPONSE: 2 SEP

DESNZ consultation on Electricity Network Infrastructure: Consents, Land Access and Rights

Jonathan Douglas-Green (Mott Macdonald), Peter Cole (National Grid), Jan Bessell (Board Member), David Grattan (Grattan Planning)

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Breakfast share: Glasgow 2 SEP

Catherine Anderson (WSP)

EYP site visit: National Grid Yorkshire Green 9 SEP

Joanna Camille-St. Marie (National Grid)

NIPA in the North event: Liverpool 16 SEP

Liz Wells (Deloitte)

Lunchbox talk: Energy NSIPs 18 SEP

Alex Herbert (Telis Energy)

Networking social: Bristol 30 SEP

Peta Donkin (Arcadis) and Vicki Redman (WBD).

NIPA Matters: MHCLG Consultation on Planning and Infrastructure Bill 6 OCT

Ali Leeder (Board Member) featuring views from government, the Lisa Lamb (National Trust), Garreth Bruff (Planning Advisory Service), and Greg Phillimore (Camargue)

Breakfast share: London 14 OCT

Vicki Redman (WBD) & Jordan Martin (DWD)

Launch of the 2025 NIPA Awards [VIEW](#) - 14 OCT

CONSULTATION RESPONSE: 27 OCT

MHCLG consultation on guidance for pre-application consultation

David Grattan (Grattan Planning), Peta Donkin (Arcadis), Ali Leeder (Board Member), Jan Bessell (Board Member), Kevin Gibbs (Charles Russell Speechlys), Caitlin Hughes (Counter Context), Antonia Corici (Arup), Ross Pearson (Arup), Beth Motley (Dalcour Maclaren), Josh Crawford (LSTC), Lucy Sayer (Carter Jonas), Ian Fletcher (Jacobs), Claire Brodrick (Pinsent Masons), Oliver Spencer (RWE), Mark Williets (North Kesteven), Holly Nessling (Ceva), Julian Boswall (Burgess Salmon), Jonathan Douglas-Green (Mott Macdonald), Andy Gregory (SLR), Clare Heeley (Aecom).

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Lunch box talk: *Engagement as a strategic lever in Infrastructure planning* 18 NOV

Tom Hacker (Ardent)

Annual Dinner 20 NOV



Winter 2025 – Spring 2026

NIPA Members Winter Social **3 DEC**
(all members) Alex Crow (Ardent) and Jordan (DWP)

All members call **8 DEC**
Tom Carpen

Winter EYP members' social **10 DEC**
(Early Years Practitioner NIPA Members, qualified for 10 years or less) Daisy Noble (FTB)

Breakfast share: Birmingham **11 DEC**
Matt Fox (Pinsent Masons)

Lunchbox talk: **21 JAN**
Storytelling for national infrastructure
Greg Phillimore (Camargue)

Networking social: Leeds **JAN 2026**
Phil Emison (Constain)

Lunchbox talk: **FEB 2026**
Site and route selection for DCOs
Andrew Prior (Aeos)

Breakfast share: Manchester **FEB 2026**

Breakfast share: Bristol **MAR 2026**
Peta Donkin (Arcadis) and Vicki Redman (WBD)

Networking social: Birmingham **MAR 2026**

Networking social: Cardiff **TBC**

How you can get involved

Site visits

We are looking for projects which are able to host site visits for NIPA members. If you have a site you can host a visit, please **complete this form**.

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 networking socials. Please contact **Alex Crow** or **Oliver Spencer**.

Working group volunteers

We will be sending out an email shortly to appeal for volunteers to support our working groups on Policy and Practice, Engaging and Growing a Diverse Membership and Learning and Research. If you're interested, please get in touch at **info@nipa-uk.org**.

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**.

Skills and Competence workstream

We are about to kick off our 2026 work programme: priorities include skills requirements; NSIP training; current providers review; attracting new talent; and developing a skills strategy. If you have an interest in NSIP skills, then we would be delighted to hear from you. Contact **Mark Southgate** for further information.