

The next NFF Zoom meeting will be at **4pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August on the subject of New Planning Announcements and their implications.** If you would like to join please email [paul.cobbing@floodforum.org.uk](mailto:paul.cobbing@floodforum.org.uk)

There have been a number of new planning announcements in recent days that affect people at risk of flooding and more are expected this week. The next NFF Zoom meeting will therefore be on the latest developments and the implications for people at flood risk. There are things that we might wish to do in response and this is an opportunity identify and discuss them.

#### Agenda

1. Very short update on our planned work on planning guidance
2. Updates on the new planning announcements and what they might mean for people from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and Defra.
3. A discussion around what we might wish to do in response
4. We have created an Access database to host evidence – how people can contribute

We will be joined once again by Hugh Ellis, Policy Director at the Town and Country Planning Association to lead us through the MHCLG announcements. You may be interested in a recent blog by Hugh at <https://www.tcpa.org.uk/blog/blog-is-this-the-end-for-democratic-planning>

#### Other news:

1. An email discussion group has been set up for those who wish to discuss matters between meetings. Please contact me if you would like to be added to the group.

**Please note that we intend to use the recording function to capture the points made during the discussion, we hope that this will be useful to provide future information and guidance**

The meeting will be very informal, but as there are quite a lot of people we will need a few rules:

1. **Please don't share this invitation with anyone.** This will stop the meeting from being overwhelmed and will also help prevent it being hacked. If you would think that someone would like to join the meeting please email or call me.
2. **Please use the mute button when you are not speaking** so as to prevent extraneous noise from getting in the way
3. **It is important that everyone gets a chance to speak, so please keep your comments brief.** If there is something that you particularly want to say, please use the "Reaction" button to indicate to me that you want to speak. In addition, you can make comments or ask questions using the chat option. If you are on the phone, unmute your handset and let me know that you wish to speak. With the increasing numbers we also need to make sure that people's questions and comments are to the point. My apologies if I cut you short, but I will try to make the discussion as balanced as possible

## How to join Zoom

Zoom is free to participants. You can join Zoom through your browser, by downloading the programme or by phone. **If anyone would like help to get on to Zoom please let me know.**

**By phone** – Use one of the phone numbers in this invitation and enter the meeting ID number when asked.

**On the internet** - When you click on the link on this invitation you will have the choice of joining through your web browser directly or by downloading a small app and joining through that. We have found that downloading the app gives a much better connection, but takes some time to set up. It is apparently also a bit safer. You can sign in using your email account or your Facebook or Google accounts. The last two options are slightly simpler.

**Please note that you may need to use the meeting identification number and password in this email. You will also be placed in to a waiting room until you are called in to the meeting. These are additional security arrangements that Zoom has introduced.**

For details of all these methods follow this link <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting>

Please give yourself plenty of time to get on to the site before the meeting, especially if you are unfamiliar with Zoom.


**There will be telephone support** to get on to the site, should you need it, from Paul Cobbing 07773355181

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