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**RTPI/ RSPB NORTHERN IRELAND SUSTAINABLE PLANNING AWARD
AWARD PRESENTATION AND SEMINAR**

Co- Hosts:

Royal Town Planning Institute (Irish Branch-Northern Section)

RSPB Northern Ireland

Thursday 21st February 2008 1.30pm-5.30pm

Malone House, Barnett Demesne, Malone Road, Belfast

In June 2007 the RTPI and RSPB launched the Sustainable Planning Award in an effort to promote awareness and implementation of sustainable planning and biodiversity issues in Northern Ireland.

An interesting and varied range of proposals was submitted covering a wide spectrum of issues across Northern Ireland. After detailed discussions by the judging panel, three finalists were announced in December 2007.

It is the aim of this event to offer the three finalists the platform to showcase their proposals after which the winners will be announced. The event will include valued input from informed speakers with experience in this field.

The number of places at this conference is limited and places will be allocated on a first come basis. Please ensure that your place is booked by returning the attached slip today with appropriate delegate fee. A light lunch will be provided on arrival.

Booking and Payment details

Please complete, detach and return booking form and send to:

Julie Sullivan, Administrator, RTPI NI Branch, PO Box 69, CARRICKFERGUS, BT38 8WX

DELEGATE(s) NAME/ADDRESS/TEL NO	Cost (per Delegate)	TOTAL AMOUNT
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Finalists:

Hill House, designed by White Ink Architects, is a private dwelling in County Down. The buildings incorporate old stone salvaged from original dwellings and the design reflected traditional forms. The house has photovoltaic cells and solar water heating and water use has been kept to a minimum. Septic tank effluent is treated in a reed bed and landscaping included native trees.

The Orchard Building at Stranmillis University College was submitted by Scott Wilson and Knox & Clayton Architects. The design makes the most of natural lighting, and where lighting is required, it is controlled by movement detectors. A biomass boiler has been used to heat the building, and a sustainable urban drainage scheme helps reduce water use and pollution. The judges were particularly impressed by the intention of Stranmillis College and the Department of Education to use the building as a flagship project and educational tool for local schools.

The Connswater Greenway project is on a completely different scale and impressed the judges by its innovative approach to urban regeneration in East Belfast. The green corridor along the river Connswater, Knock and Loop rivers will encourage cycling and walking, with associated health benefits, and will help connect communities in the area. Wildlife will benefit too, with the provision of planting and improvement to the riverbanks and water quality.

Speakers:

Martin Harper – Head of Sustainable Development RSPB

Martin was appointed as the Head of the RSPB's new department for Sustainable Development in November 2006. His team is responsible for influencing public policy on climate change, planning and regional policy, marine and fisheries policy, economics, and sustainable development. Prior to this he had, since March 2004, been the RSPB's Head of Government Affairs. He had previously been Conservation Director of Plantlife (1999-2004) and worked for Wildlife and Countryside Link in a variety of roles (1996-1999). Martin chaired Link's Biodiversity Task Force (2003-2006) and was Chair of Link's Agriculture Working Group in 2002. Martin is also on Plantlife International's advisory committee

Jim Kitchen – Head of Sustainable Development Commission

Jim is Head of the Sustainable Development Commission in Northern Ireland, the Government's independent watchdog on sustainable development. The SDC provides advice, advocacy and appraisal to help put sustainable development at the core of government policy.

Formerly Head of WWF Northern Ireland, Jim is a passionate advocate of sustainable development and has been extensively involved in its wider acceptance in Northern Ireland, as a member of several governmental advisory panels on sustainability. He has also served on other bodies addressing issues in forestry, tourism and marine conservation.

“Sustainable Development – the planning context”

Speaker 1: John Davison – Planning and Environmental Policy Group. After gaining experience in a broad spectrum of work with Planning Service John is now a member of the planning policy team within Planning and Environmental Policy Group of DoE. His background is in landuse planning and environmental management and was responsible for the preparation of PPS 15 – Planning and Flood Risk. With the transfer of the planning policy team to PEPD he continues to have responsibility for flood risk matters and a number of other planning policy areas.

Speaker 2: John Coulter – Strategic Planning Directorate. As Principal Planning Officer within the Strategic Planning Directorate at Planning Service Headquarters John has previously been employed within the Policy Section of Regional Planning and Transportation Division responsible for the implementation of the Regional Development Strategy and in a number of Divisional Planning Offices in both Development Control and Development Plan.

Q & A: Peter Mullaney – Operations Manager. Peter has experience in a number of Divisions in both Development Plan and Development Control before taking the position of Operations Manager at Planning Service Headquarters.