

## Future Planning Research: Making the Links

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The Department for Communities and Local Government's Evidence and Innovation Strategy 2005 - 2008 emphasises the need to develop partnership working in order to pursue the research agenda necessary to deliver sustainable communities.

*The role of spatial planning research is critical to this agenda.*

The DCLG, through its Planning Research Network, is therefore collaborating with the Royal Town Planning Institute to host a workshop to explore the potential for working together across the wide range of relevant stakeholders. These include other government departments, research funding bodies, planning schools, research institutes and consultancies and professional institutes.

*The workshop explicitly seeks to explore potential synergies in conducting planning research and knowledge transfer.*

Discussion will be based around a series of short presentations on the content and relevance of existing research strategies and programmes for spatial planning research. It has been convened in the context of a number of emerging trends, including shared awareness of the need to develop partnership approaches and the challenges raised by interdisciplinary working.