



**ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING MASTERCLASS:
'HOT' TOPICS AND 'BREXIT'/REMAIN REACTION
(2 CPD points)**

Speakers: Stephen Hockman QC, Richard Banwell, Christopher Badger, David Hercock and Gordon Wignall (Chair)

Purpose: To discuss and propose resolutions to issues recently faced in litigation with the Environment Agency, and the relevance of the EU referendum result on permitting issues.

Topics:

- Competency in an application for a permit. How is the DEFRA Core Guidance to be interpreted, and what should be the approach of a planning inspector on a PINS appeal? What evidence does the EA need when resisting an appeal against refusal of a permit on competency grounds?
- Can the regulator disseminate information to commercial partners or other regulators? What are the limits of operator confidentiality under the Regulations and under data protection/privacy laws? What remedies do operators have?
- Fire prevention plans: where are we now? How should FPP requirements be challenged?
- Liability for accumulated waste. Is the transferee of a standard rules permit liable for accumulated waste and subject to enforcement action? What are the limits on the EA's powers?
- Public participation: what are the rules under the Regulations, and what are the consequences of non-compliance by the EA for operators and in third party private nuisance proceedings?
- Fundamental rights after the Brexit referendum: what rights can operators rely upon in the event of 'leave', and will the Charter of Fundamental Rights be more widely used in the event of 'remain'?

Date/Venue: Wednesday 29th June 2016, 4.30-6.30 pm (tea/coffee available from 4.15pm) at 6 Pump Court Chambers. Drinks and canapés to follow.

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Cost: £25 per person. Subsequent bookings from your firm/ organisation charged at a reduced rate of £15 per person.

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