

Programme

8th March 2006

Rural
Development
Programme for England
2007 - 2013
south west consultation event

9:30 Registration (refreshments)

10:15 **Chairman's Welcome**

Sir Harry Studholme - SW RDA Board Member/Chairman of SW CoRE

10:30 Presentations

EU perspective on the regulation

Jean-Bernard Benhaiem – Agriculture Directorate, EU Commission

The national strategy & programme for England 2007 - 2013

John Mills - Rural Policy Directorate, Defra

Environmental changes & challenges

Janette Ward - English Nature/Natural England

Understanding the impact and issues for the South West

Janet Dwyer - University of Gloucestershire

11:50 **Panel Discussion**

Sir Harry Studholme – Chairman

Jean-Bernard Benhaiem - EU Commission

Janette Ward -Natural England

John Mills - Defra

Jill Wordley - Defra

Anthony Gibson - NFU

12:30 **LUNCH**

13:15 **Workshops:**

1. Enhancing the environment and the countryside

Chairman: Mark Watson - Rural Development Service/Natural England

Speaker: Mark Robins - RSPB

2. Enabling competitive, environmentally sensitive agriculture and forestry

Chairman: Harry Studholme - SW Regional Development Agency/SW CoRE

Speaker: John Varley – Clinton Devon Estates

3. Enhancing opportunity in rural areas

Chairman: John Hazelwood - Rural Community Councils

Speaker: John Mills - Defra

14:30 **Refreshment Break**

15:00 **Voting**

15:50 **Chairman's Conclusions**

16:00 **Close**