

Newsletter 2023 Winter Edition

The Rural Planning Co



Meet the team

Justin Stevenson joined us from a Shropshire based Estate and Property Management firm in 2022. A qualified Chartered Surveyor, Justin brings a wealth of general property and planning experience to our team. He specialises in residential and rural business planning.



Jess Rowley joined as our Customer Service Adviser in 2021. Jess is the first person most of our clients and new enquiries speak to when they telephone the office. Jess also supports the rest of the team with a wide range of administrative help.

Angie Matthews recently joined as Senior Planning Consultant. For nearly 23 years, Angie worked for both the Wychavon and Malvern Hills Council across both Development Management and Policy Planning. Angie has extensive knowledge on residential sites. If you have a site in mind, contact us and Angie can review your site free of charge.



Change in Focus for 2023

Moule & Co was originally established in 2010 and offered a range of advice and services to the farming sector. Over the last few years the industry and our role in advising the farming industry has evolved quite significantly.

By 2020, as a result of our success in rural planning work this accounted for 80% of our turnover. So, we made the decision to set up The Rural Planning Co. The last two years has seen significant growth and success and means that we are now in a great position and have developed a fantastic planning team.

With a current team of 15 - a mixture of land agents turned planners alongside ex Planning Officers we offer our clients access to over 140 years of combined planning experience. Whilst our head office is based in Worcestershire our planning consultants are based across the UK and we offer a nationwide service. We are at the forefront of rural planning and really understand the opportunities that are out there.

Events for 2023

We started the year with some farming focus, attending Dairy Tech 2023 at Stoneleigh Park.

Hannah Moule presented at the event focusing on the importance of strategy when considering Agricultural Workers Dwellings Permission.



If you are considering an agricultural planning application and would like advice, please don't hesitate to contact the office.



In 2022 we launched a series of our own on farm events. These proved successful and received very positive feedback.

We are planning to hold a series of events in 2023 including on-farm workshops, webinars and informal evenings, alongside business partners with specialist knowledge in areas such as building construction, agricultural lending and farm consultancy. Topics to include:

- **Farm Diversification Workshop**
- **Slurry Infrastructure Grant and Planning Permission**
- **Landowners: Developing your Assets**
- **Agricultural Workers Dwellings - Understand the challenges and build your planning strategy**

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Winter Case Study

New family home in Cotswolds AONB

In December we were pleased to receive planning approval for this beautiful part conversion, part new build in the Cotswolds AONB.

Although there was an existing permission for conversion of the stone barn, the layout and size didn't really work in its existing format. Working with architects, Planning Consultant, Justin De Vries drew upon his experience working as a Planning Officer in Cotswold District Council to formulate a new proposal which was successful.



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