

AONB Planning and Transportation Seminar
25th February 2009
Charlton New Remembrance Hall

**The European Landscape Convention and the Environmental Capacity
of Rural Roads**

The seminar aims to introduce participants to the European Landscape Convention and its significance to AONB work, to appreciate the linkages between these concepts and activities, and to explore their relationships to concepts of capacity on rural roads.



OBJECTIVES

- To increase awareness and understanding of the European Landscape Convention and to introduce how it provides a useful framework for understanding the interrelationship between the different aspects which comprise landscape
- To review the key characteristics of Landscape Character Assessment, Historic Landscape Characterisation and their relationship to local distinctiveness
- To look at practical examples of how local distinctiveness, Historic landscape character and landscape character allow better informed decisions to be made for those engaged in planning, policy, conservation and transportation.
- The afternoon session will go on to focus particularly on issues surrounding rural roads, impact reduction and local distinctiveness, and will demonstrate how landscape character can be related to these issues.

By the end of the day participants will: -

- Have good familiarisation with the European Landscape Convention, and with the interrelationship between different aspects of landscape.

- Have an enhanced/refreshed understanding of LCA, HLC and local distinctiveness, and their terminologies, relevance and interrelationship.
- Have an understanding of issues surrounding the rural road network, and impact reduction and be able to ask realistic and relevant questions about how landscape scale working can help to resolve these issues
- Have engaged with practical examples of the issues and be in a position to relate these examples to areas of their own work.

