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### **What is your risk appetite? Next steps in planning reform.**

The planning industry continues regulatory reform. Topical in the conversation is cultural change, simplification and the line-of-sight. Much of our work focusses on process, timeframes, rigid solutions and the 'nitty gritty' which eroded our strategic thinking ability, our focus on embedding policy and our view of broader desired outcomes.

Current (and refreshing) focus on the line-of-sight, front-loading planning with strategically led vision, puts all the hard work at the beginning where it should be, the rest can indeed, be much simpler and risk-based planning and decision making can help.

So, what is risk-based planning and how do we do it?

The process to identify risk uses a typical risk matrix of likelihood of a development occurring and consequences. Where a development is explicitly envisaged to develop in an area by the local authority, the regulatory environment should be oriented to enabling such development to occur to the extent possible without unacceptable consequences. Equally, less effort could be expended seeking to enable development that is unlikely to occur.

This workshop will include an interactive survey using smartphones to test and discover the audience's broad regulatory and governance appetite to arrive at an overall land use risk profile to utilise as the basis for reviewing the policy and regulatory intent of their planning framework. This activity can continue from higher levels policy discover to more in-depth zone-specific land use risk profiles.

The workshop will describe the risk and regulatory pathway for an aligned planning instrument(s)/ system and enable classification of various land uses into the risk response category and compare these with the evidence drafted in an existing planning instrument.

The outcomes of the workshop will be an understanding of how risk appetite can be reflected in planning policy, instrument calibration and governance structures for a more transparent and consistent planning system.