



Hewitsons' Agriculture, Food & Rural Business Seminar Series

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Agriculture, Food & Rural Business Seminars

The Agriculture Food and Rural Business Team will be hosting two seminars in the coming month which will discuss the new Telecoms Code, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), compulsory purchase and issues arising from renewable energy.

We'd be delighted if you could join us on either of the following dates:-

- Trinity Centre, Cambridge on 8th March
- The Saints, Northampton on 14th March



Natalie Minott
Partner

Natalie Minott will be presenting a practical session on the impact of the "new" Telecoms Code contained within the Digital Economy Act 2017 which came into force on 28 December 2018. This will focus upon what a landowner can do if he had an arrangement in place prior to the enactment date, bargaining power when new agreements are being negotiated and what to do if you need the land back.



Andrew Priest
Partner

Andrew Priest will be presenting a session on the General Data Protection Regulation. On 25th May of this year a new data protection regime will come into force across the EU, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). If you are keeping and using records relating to another person when operating your business, there is every likelihood that your business will be subject to both the current data protection regime and the GDPR. Significant fines and criminal sanctions can be imposed for non-compliance. If your business is currently data protection compliant it may be the case that the effects of the GDPR

on your business will be minimal. However, even if your business is compliant at the moment, you should ensure that you keep up-to-date with the changes and audit your systems and procedures for dealing with personal data.



Gemma Dudley
Senior Associate

Gemma Dudley will look at some of the legal niceties of compulsory purchase, including when compulsory purchase can be used and how compulsory purchase orders are made, confirmed and implemented. She will also discuss how it may be possible to object to and challenge a compulsory purchase, together with some recent legislative changes.



Denise Wilkinson
Partner



Gareth Williams
Partner

Denise Wilkinson (in Cambridge) and Gareth Williams (in Northampton) will be considering issues arising from renewable energy and in particular battery storage systems. Based on their experience in acting for landowners on a number of such proposals they will outline key issues. In particular they will consider traps to avoid if approached by an operator before you have taken legal advice. They will also outline some of the key issues to consider when negotiating the legal documents.

If you wish to attend one of the above seminars, or would like additional information about the events, then please contact our events team by [clicking here](#). Spaces for the Cambridge seminar are limited so early acceptances are advised.

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