

PROFESSIONAL *Conferences*

LEARNING OBJECTIVES FOR THE CURRENT COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ISSUES 2026 CONFERENCE 6 HOURS FORMAL CPD

Session I

Case Law Update: Lessons For Surveyors In Practice

Speaker: Sarah Thompson-Copsey

- The importance of “occupation” – and what it means for landlords and tenants - in the context of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954, Part II;
- The court’s current approach to the meaning of “building” in the context of transactions triggering tenants’ pre-emption rights under the Landlord and Tenant Act 1987;
- How the existence of the word “condition” in a lease repairing clause can extend the covenantor’s obligation beyond the strict definition of “repair”;
- The sort of extraneous evidence a court might use to clarify the exact position of a boundary between commercial properties;
- The need to consider more than just the legal position in assessing whether a restrictive covenant secures a “practical benefit”

Session II

Comparable Evidence In Real Estate Valuation – The Complexity Of Simple Comparison

Speaker: Nick French

- An understanding of the RICS practice guidance “Comparable Evidence in Real Estate Valuation (2nd Edition)”
- An understanding of the appropriate use of comparable evidence in all valuation approaches, methods and models
- An understanding of the importance of market data for valuation in all forms including the impact of ESG
- The importance of determining and reporting the impact of ESG on value

Session III

Landlord’s Consent: A Practical Guide To Alterations, Assignments And Sub-Lettings

Speaker: Sarah Thompson-Copsey

- At the end of the session the delegates will understand:
- Why & how a ‘gap’ in the lease restrictions might be helpful to the tenant;
- The importance of complying with alienation pre-conditions – and how to recognise them;
- When the concept of “reasonableness” applies – and when it doesn’t;
- When – and for what reasons – it is likely to be reasonable for a landlord to refuse consent
- How to anticipate conditions a landlord might reasonably require on granting consent;

Session IV

The MEES Regulations – What To Do Now?

Speaker: Ben Strange

- At the end of the session delegates will understand:
- The 2026 Government announcement on MEES
- The new requirements under the legislation
- Current EPC 'news' and improvement options
- Key pitfalls and opportunities for landlords
- Wins for wily tenants

Session V

UK Economic Prospects And The Pre-Conditions For Commercial Real Estate Recovery

Speaker: Walter Boettcher

- Will the deterioration of the UK government's fiscal headroom lead to another IMF Bailout as in 1976? What are bonds and term premia and how does it impact the economy and property?
- What are credit default swaps and what can they tell us about investor's perceptions?
- How is the UK faring in relation to its global peers?
- What is economic productivity and what role does real estate have to play?
- What are the key impediments to a recovery of UK commercial real estate to more normal levels of activity?
- Why is there rental growth when the economy is so weak?
- What is the key driver of real estate returns over the next five years?
- How have drivers of UK economic performance changed over the last two decades?
- Where can real estate investment opportunities be found in the UK?
- Do the US mid-terms matter?

Session VI

Navigating The Planning System – Tips And Traps

Speaker: Ian Anderson

This session will review:

- How the Planning system can be practically navigated
- What to review first when looking at properties and sites
- How to promote sites through the local plan system
- Preparing and submitting planning applications