

Rt. Hon Lord Carnwath C.V.O.

Robert Carnwath has been Honorary President of UKELA since 13th December, 2006.

He was a Lord Justice of Appeal from September 2001, having been a Judge of the High Court, Chancery Division, from 1994. Since July 2004 he has taken a leading part in the reform of the UK Tribunal system. From November 2007 until April 2012, he acted as the first statutory Senior President of Tribunals under the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007. On 17th April 2012 he became a Justice of the Supreme Court.

Previously he was in practice as a barrister in the Chambers of the Right Hon. Geoffrey Rippon QC, MP (now Landmark Chambers). His main areas of practice were Local Government, Planning and Environmental Law, and Administrative Law. Between 1980 and 1985 he was Junior Counsel to the Inland Revenue. He took silk in 1985. He served a period as Chairman of the Administrative Law Bar Association. Between 1988 and 1994 he was Attorney-General to HRH the Prince of Wales (following which he was made a Companion of the Victorian Order). He was Chairman of the Law Commission for England and Wales from February 1999 until July 2002.

He has written extensively on administrative and environmental law. In 1989 he was the author of a report for the Department of the Environment on the Enforcement of Planning Control, the main recommendations of which were enacted in the Planning and Compensation Act 1991. He is a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Environmental Law.

Internationally, in 2004 he was a founding member, and first Secretary-General, of the European Union Forum of Judges for the Environment (EUFJE). He has been joint-chairman of the judicial advisory committee for the UNEP handbook on environmental law; and a member of the UNECE taskforce on the Aarhus Convention.

Neil Sinden

Neil Sinden has been Director of Policy and Campaigns at the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) since 2002 overseeing its work on a range of issues including planning, housing, energy, transport, rural issues and farming. He is currently a member of the Rural Advisory Group of the Homes and Communities Agency and CPRE's representative on the Rural Coalition. He was a member of the Ministerial Planning Sounding Board in 2010/11; on the Expert Advisory Group for the Land Use Futures Study carried out by the Government Office for Science in 2009/10; and a member of the Government's Affordable Rural Housing Commission in 2005/6. He was previously Head of Policy and Research at the urban regeneration charity ROOM (now part of the RTPi), managing the Government-funded Positive Planning Project. He has also worked for the arts and environment charity Common Ground, including organising the first national Apple Day in 1990. Neil is a trustee of Civic Voice, a member of the Friends of Epping Forest. He has an MPhil in Town Planning and a BSc (First Class) in Rural Environment Studies. He enjoys cycling and walking, and lives with his family in east London.

David Elvin

David Elvin was educated at A J Dawson Grammar School, Co. Durham, and Hertford College, Oxford (BA 1981; BCL 1982) where he studied law. He is a member of the Bars of England and Wales and Northern Ireland and took silk in 2000. Before taking silk he served on the panels of Treasury counsel from 1991-2000. David's work is largely concerned with the environment, planning, local government and the human rights and EU law aspects of those areas of practice. Recent work includes judicial reviews of HS2, and the decision to allow development at the Giant's Causeway on the North Antrim coast, SEA of Northern Ireland's draft PPS5, several energy from waste projects and habitats work concerning the Isle of Wight ferries and heather burning on grouse moorland in Yorkshire. He is a Recorder (2001) and a Deputy High Court Judge (2008), sitting in the Administrative Court. David is a Commissioner with the Boundary Commission for England which is currently conducting a review of Parliamentary constituencies. He is married and lives in London and Kent.

Richard Ford

Richard leads Pinsent Masons' 50 strong national Planning and Environment team.

He has considerable experience of major development, energy and infrastructure projects and recent experience includes:

- Advising Olympic Delivery Authority Planning Decisions Team on London 2012 Olympic Park
- Advising on 12m sq ft housing led mixed use Earls Court redevelopment
- Advising on DCO energy schemes including Hinkley Point C new nuclear power station, Moorside New Nuclear Power station, an EfW DCO, a CCGT DCO and an offshore windfarm DCO. Experience has included close IPC/PINS engagement, DCO advice, preliminary works advice, marine jetty advice, National Policy Statement and local policy advice, related grid scheme advice.
- Advising on 9,500 home new town in Cambridgeshire
- Advising on multiple CPO projects
- Advising on planning and EIA consenting on on-shore windfarms in East Anglia and Cambridgeshire
- Advising on London Ashford Airport expansion.

Sir Crispin Agnew of Lochnaw Bt QC

Sir Crispin Agnew of Lochnaw Bt QC is a Patron of UKELA, Convenor of the Scottish Committee and a member of the UKELA Wild Law Group. He has a special interest in all aspects of Rural Land Law with a particular interest in Environmental Law. He has been involved in a number of significant environmental law cases in Scotland. He is a trained Mediator. He is the author of books - Agricultural Law in Scotland (1996), Land Obligations (1999) and Crofting Law (2000). Before taking up law he was actively involved in scientific and mountaineering expeditions to many parts of the world including Greenland, the Antarctic, the southern Chilean Andes and the Himalayas, hence his interest in environmental issue. He is a keen sailor. He was a Trustee of the John Muir Trust (1989 to 2005), a charity whose aim is to preserve wild land.

Dr Cameron Hepburn

Dr Cameron Hepburn is an economist specialising in environmental and public policy. He holds Fellowships at the LSE and Oxford University. He was educated at Melbourne University in Law and Chemical Engineering, and earned his doctorate in economics from Oxford (as a Rhodes Scholar).

He is actively involved in public policy as a member of the DECC Secretary of State's Economics Advisory Group, the DEFRA Academic Panel and as a founder of Vivid Economics. He advises various other governments. He contributed two background research papers to the Stern Review on the Economics of Climate Change.

Cameron has been interviewed for TV, radio and the printed press in various countries. Cameron is also a director of Climate Bridge, a company devoted to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in China.

Marcus Trinick QC

Marcus has specialised in Planning and Environmental Law since qualification in 1983. He has appeared as Advocate at about 400 public inquiries, including over 75 wind farm inquiries. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2010. Marcus has advised on well over 320 onshore and 25 offshore wind energy projects in the UK and elsewhere since 1988. He is a Board member of RenewableUK. He is one of the authors of the BWEA Best Practice Guidelines for Wind Energy Development published in 1994, was a member and one of the authors of the Working Group which produced 'The Assessment and Rating of Noise from Wind Farms' in 1997, and he advised the then DTI on the framework for consenting offshore wind projects in 1999. Through his exposure to wind energy projects Marcus has acquired a detailed knowledge of the law and practice of environment impact assessment, European nature conservation law, aviation issues (including various types of radar), noise assessment, navigational issues and the more subjective topics of landscape and visual assessment and cultural heritage. Marcus and other members of Eversheds' Renewable Planning Team are advising at any one time on a large number of onshore and offshore projects.

Simon Roberts OBE

Chief Executive, Centre for Sustainable Energy

Simon has been helping people and organisations to develop effective responses to the threat of climate change and the misery of cold homes since 1985. For the last 10 years he has been Chief Executive of one of the UK's leading energy charities, the Bristol-based Centre for Sustainable Energy (see www.cse.org.uk). He previously worked in senior roles for Triodos Bank and Friends of the Earth.

Simon has recently contributed to CSE's work on: supporting 'low carbon localism' (see www.planlocal.org.uk); analyzing the distributional impacts of UK climate policies, and; enhancing community engagement with sustainable energy initiatives.

Simon's many advisory roles include Ofgem's Consumer Challenge Group, DECC's Green Deal Consumer Advisory Panel, and a number of different academic research programmes. He was a leading member of the Government's

Renewables Advisory Board (2002-2010), making a particular contribution to its work on community engagement and planning.

Simon is a non-executive Director of Triodos Renewables Plc, a £40 million renewable energy investment fund designed to enable members of the public to take a stake in the UK's renewable energy future.

Simon was awarded an OBE for services to renewable energy in June 2011.

Baroness Worthington

Bryony Worthington was made a life peer in November 2010 and sits on the Labour benches. She is a leading expert on climate change policy and carbon trading. The Guardian has described her as having "lived and breathed emissions trading every day for the past decade". After studying English literature at Queens' College, Cambridge, she travelled before joining Operation Raleigh as a fundraiser. It was in the mid-1990s, working for a conservation charity, that climate change pricked her consciousness, and by 2000 she had moved to Friends of the Earth as a climate-change campaigner where she set up their ultimately highly successful 'Big Ask' campaign calling for new climate legislation. Having decided to explore if change could be better achieved in other sectors, she moved on to Scottish and Southern Energy, one of the UK's largest energy companies where she advised on sustainable energy policy. Whilst there she was also seconded to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs where she implemented public awareness campaigns and helped to draft the ground-breaking Climate Change Bill. More recently in 2008 she launched sandbag.org.uk, a non-for-profit campaign group to help people better understand emissions trading by opening it up to public scrutiny. In 2011 she became the Patron of the Weinberg Foundation, which she helped to set up to promote safer, cleaner forms of nuclear power. She has written regularly for the Guardian and was the founder member of the paper's Environment Network.