

GreenSpace South East Open Meeting
 Question Session Notes
 13 June 2008
 South Hill Park, Bracknell

Question	Answer
GreenSpace South East	
(Lisa Creaye-Griffin, West Sussex County Council) Does the forum cover all green space or just parks?	(Helen Tranter, Chair, GreenSpace East) GreenSpace South East, as well as GreenSpace nationally, covers all green spaces, including allotments, recreation grounds, countryside and parks.
(Ian Gayton, Elmbridge BC) ISPAL are still seen as the institute for the sector, not IPGS – the link between IPGS and GreenSpace South East is not clear. The membership needs to be moved over and the IPGS profile raised. I suggest targeting at renewal time, as renewing is easier than swapping!	(Sarah Moore, GreenSpace) IPGS is run by GreenSpace and is suitable for individuals who wish to develop their CPD, whereas the forums such as GreenSpace South East are suitable for organisations.
(Evan Giles, Horsham DC) Clarification of the relationship between GreenSpace and IPGS is needed – I am unsure what I would get from IPGS membership that I would not get from GreenSpace South East membership. (Ted Smith, Milton Keynes BC) I suggest looking at the benefits of other institutes, such as the IOG.	(Sarah Moore, GreenSpace) IPGS is going to be focused around education and skills, including the GreenSKILL system CPD framework. IPGS has only existed for one year so it is still early days.
(Liz Kent, Association of Local Councils) Is the forum linked in with the Wildlife Trusts? They have a lot of valuable expertise.	(Sarah Moore, GreenSpace) We have approached the Wildlife Trusts and are trying to engage them. There has been more success in some regions than others.
Lantra	
(Helen Tranter, Chair, GreenSpace East) Is Lantra going to cover arboriculture and countryside management as well as horticulture?	(David Winn, Lantra) Yes. These will start later on – job profiles are all going up on Green SKILL on the Online Competency Framework.
(Ian Gayton, Elmbridge BC) What level of qualification will the 14-19 diploma cover?	(David Winn, Lantra) The diploma will cover up to degree level. It has been designed in partnership with industry and is placed between GCSEs and A-levels and vocational qualifications, covering a level up to university.
(Evan Giles, Horsham DC) GreenSKILL and the diploma appear to offer	(David Winn, Lantra) Lantra has information on its websites, plus

<p>opportunities to progress in the green space sector. Where can we find more information?</p>	<p>career websites, the IOG and IOH have information. However, these are not very well linked and this has historically been a problem. GreenSKILL should offer a solution once it is launched. (John Godden, Lantra) If someone comes to you with an inquiry about career progression or opportunities in the sector, send them to www.ajobin.com, www.afuturein.com or ask them to contact the regional Lantra reps – contact details are available at www.lantra.co.uk/contact-us/offices.</p>
<p>Forestry Commission</p>	
	<p>(Richard Pearce, Forestry Commission) Good practice guides on protected species are available on the FC website at www.forestry.gov.uk/england-protectedspecies</p>
<p>(Maurice Barnes, Milton Keynes BC) Are highways exempt from needing tree felling licences?</p>	<p>(Richard Pearce, Forestry Commission) Highways are generally exempt from needing tree felling licences, as are places where you are a statutory undertaker e.g. railways or water provision.</p>
<p>(Mick Gore, Chichester BC) Are Local Nature Reserves and Green Corridors exempt from needing tree felling licenses?</p>	<p>(Richard Pearce, Forestry Commission) A tree felling license may still be required – they are generally not exempt if you are going over the size limit of 5m³, or if the tree is larger than 8cm diameter (15cm for coppicing).</p>
<p>CABE Space</p>	
	<p>(Brian Quinn, CABE Space) Please can I encourage everyone to complete the Sector Skills questionnaire if you have not already done so – this is available at http://survey.lantrassc.co.uk/webforms/WebForm.aspx?ID=9568CDBFC79E4872996D95D65A62E8E1. A partial response would be helpful, so if you cannot fill it all in please do what you can.</p>