

# Breakfast Seminar: The New Aarhus Costs Rules

On 28 February 2017 the new costs rules in Aarhus Convention claims came into force. The rule changes follow a consultation *Costs Protection in Environmental Claims Proposals to revise the costs capping scheme for eligible environmental challenge* in 2015. The changes are significant both in terms of scope and the protection offered. This seminar will explore issues arising under these new rules.

## Details

**Date:** Thursday 23rd March 2017

**Time:** 08:00 - 09:30

**CPD:** 1

**Who is it for?** Solicitors and Environmental and Planning Consultants; public authorities.

**Fee:** £30 +VAT. Free for local authorities

**Venue:** Landmark Chambers, 180 Fleet Street, London EC4A 2HG

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## Programme

- 08:00 *Registration and coffee*
- 08:15 Welcome by chair  
**David Elvin QC, Landmark Chambers**
- 08:20 Scope: What cases (and claimants) are now covered?  
**James Maurici QC, Landmark Chambers**
- 08:30 The new financial disclosure requirements  
**Richard Turney, Landmark Chambers**
- 08:40 The incorporation of the *Edwards* principles and varying caps  
**Matthew Dale-Harris, Landmark Chambers**
- 08:50 Other issues (transitional provisions, multiple parties, costs when Aarhus protection challenged)  
**Heather Sargent, Landmark Chambers**
- 09:00 Legal challenges to the Aarhus rules: the role of the ACCC; *Venn* (CO/2996/2016) and *FoE, Client Earth*  
**Hannah Gibbs, Landmark Chambers**
- 09:10 Questions and Discussion
- 09:30 *Close*