

HAMMAR Southwest Technical Briefing Day

Date: Wednesday 22 April 2026
Venue: Fleet Air Museum, Yeovil (RNAS Yeovilton), BA22 8HT



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Organiser: HAMMAR Southwest Committee*
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Technical Seminar Programme:	
08.30 – 9:00	Arrival and coffee/ biscuits.
09.00-09.05	Welcome/ Housekeeping. HAMMAR Southwest Committee.
09.05 – 10.30	<p>A. Asbestos Compliance/ Industry Update: This compliance refresh will cover updates on current HSE asbestos campaigns/consultation/targets, for reform of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 (WPC recommendations re the use of the>NNLW work category, asbestos surveying, + the independence of the four-stage clearance process), experiences from those recently subject to HSE visits, and other acm hot topics, including why treating mould affected textured coatings generally constitutes a NLW task, and contaminated play sand.</p> <p>B. To ‘Non-Licence or Not Non-Licence’ – ‘the good the bad and the ugly’ : interactive Asbestos Compliance Practical (with two audience ‘volunteers’) demonstrating how it should/ should not be done.</p> <p>Catherine Howard - Senior Asbestos Consultant, iON-Consultants. Julian Ransom - Director, iON-Consultants (facilitating).</p>
10.30 – 10.45	Comfort + Refreshments Break.



10.45 – 12.15	<p>Transforming Homes Project: ‘Hands on Workshop’ Engaging with your residents regarding retro-fit programmes/ options and measures. The Transforming Homes team will lead a ‘hands-on’ workshop focusing on effective solutions for the transformation of existing homes. Using the design-led approach being developed through this project, participants will work to explore ‘beyond-retrofit’ solutions, using resources provided by the TH team. This engaging activity, will provide an opportunity to learn about the work being undertaken across the Transforming Homes project and contribute participants own ideas and feedback, to shape the transformation of homes for current and future generations and engage your resident groups in the same way.</p> <p>Prof Jo Patterson - Cardiff University Laura Brain - Cardiff University Joel Cady - Cardiff University Dr Emma Taylor - University of Bath Dr Lucy McFazdean - University of Exeter Dr Louise King - University of Bath</p>
12.15 – 12.25	<p>Fleet Air Museum: Briefing about the Royal Navy venue & museum.</p>
12.25 – 13.25	<p>Buffet Lunch and Networking</p>
13.25 – 14.10	<p>Decarbonising heating: shared ground loop GSHP systems for Social Housing. This session will include some key themes including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of GSHP technology i.e. how does a GSHP work • What is a shared ground loop GSHP system i.e. benefits over individual GSHP • Social Housing: typical landlord and resident benefits - touching on running costs, grid capacity, etc • What does a typical project look like - from design through to installation • Practical case study examples - covering retrofit as well as new build. <p>Stuart Gadsden - Director - Social Housing, Kensa.</p>
14.10 – 14.55	<p>‘Unpicking’ the Plan for Warmer Homes: Understanding the new UK Warm Homes Plan, Future Homes Standard (hopefully) and a residential sector low carbon energy overview & update.</p> <p>Emma Fletcher - Low Carbon Homes Director, Octopus Energy.</p>
14.55 – 15.10	<p>Comfort + Refreshments Break.</p>

15.10 – 15.50	<p>The 2035 Decent Homes Standard: deadline is a warning, not a window: The government’s overhaul of the Decent Homes Standard (DHS) is welcome and long overdue. No government has substantively updated the standard in more than 20 years, and the proposed changes will take almost another decade to fully implement. The session will examine the changes to the standard and what Landlords should be proactively doing to ensure compliance over the expected implementation timeframe.</p> <p>Mark Astbury & Kevin Hartshorn – Ridge & Partners LLP. (working with the affordable housing team)</p>
15.50 – 16.20	<p>Full Sector Update. Summary topical social housing/ related sector activity + legislation update.</p> <p>Andrew Burke – National Housing Maintenance Forum (NHMF).</p>
16.20 – 16.35	<p>Open Floor: Future Topics Discussion & Closing Address: HAMMAR Southwest Committee.</p> <hr/> <p>Complete/ hand in feedback forms. <i>Optional (free) access tour of Fleet Arm Museum .</i></p>

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How to find the venue:

By Car: The museum is located at the Royal Naval Air Station (RNAS) Yeovilton – also known as HMS Heron. It is on the A303 & A37. It is accessible from the M5 Motorway, junction 25, at Taunton. Use postcode **BA22 8HW** for Sat Nav.

Parking: The car park is unlocked at 8am every morning and locked again at 6pm with 230 spaces available.

