



HAMMAR Midlands Technical Briefing Day

Date: **Thursday 1st May 2025.**

Venue: Bromford Housing. 5 Stowe Rd, Lichfield WS13 6WA.

Organiser: HAMMAR Midlands Committee in conjunction with the NHMF.

Technical Seminar Programme:	
09:30 – 10.00	Arrival and coffee/ biscuits. <i>*Arrive in good time for ease of parking</i>
10.00 – 10:05	Welcome/ Housekeeping + introducing HAMMAR Midlands. Chair for the day and the HAMMAR Midlands Committee.
10.05 – 10:50	Risk Management of Trees: <i>Duty Holder obligations.</i> New 2nd edition NTSG (The National Tree Safety Group) published Guidance* explained. Good practice, ‘common sense’ approach + how to select a competent arboriculturist. Simon Richmond - Senior Technical Officer, The Arboricultural Association.
10.50 – 11.10	Sector Update. Topical social housing/ related sector activity + legislation update. Andrew Burke – National Housing Maintenance Forum (NHMF).
11.10 – 11.35	‘To Non-License or Not Non-License’. Asbestos compliance: the practical/ in-house DSO perspective. iON-Consultants. Part A. The practical: What does it really involve? Setting up a demonstration NLW task front of auditorium with volunteer using PPE/RPE etc.
11.35 – 11.50	Comfort + Refreshments Break.
11.50 – 12.30	Part B. The theory explained: how to simplify/get it right (duty holder assurance) as well as the good/ bad/ ugly as seen at typical reviews/audit. Catherine Howard – Senior Consultant, iON-Consultants.
12.30 – 13.15	Bromford Housing Group Showcase: Place Based Working. A fascinating insight into how Bromford are embedding operations with their communities. Paul Taylor – Innovation Coach, Bromford Housing
13.15 – 14.00	Buffet Lunch and Networking.
14.00 – 14.50	Fire Safety Defects in new build properties. Findings from the Homes for the Southwest (15+ RSLs) fire safety inspections (10,000 + homes inspected). Matt Steggles AssocRICS FsiDip - Taylor Lewis, Head of Building Safety.
14.50 – 15.40	H&S Compliance Audits. What? Why? When? How? What is god assurance? Data is KEY. Our findings – the Good and Not so Good. Angela Ward - Director, TIAA Ltd.
15.40 – 15.50	NHMF 2025 Study Tour – Berlin. Trip themes + briefing report. Hosted by the GWD (AKA NHF), HA’s, & contractors? What is the visit focus. Julian Ransom BSc MRICS - Dir. iON-Consultants, for NHMF Man. Cmte.
15.50 – 16.05	Open Floor: topical issues/ current challenges/ future speakers. The Chair + delegates.
16.05 – 16.10	Complete/ hand in feedback forms. Safe journey home.



**Risk management of trees: Full Guidance. Second Edition, 2024.
Nationally recognised guidance on tree-safety management in the UK.
The NTSG link to this guidance as follows:
[NTSG Publications | The National Tree Safety Group](#)*



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Directions & Transport Links:

By Rail – a short walk or taxi ride from Lichfield City station .

By Car - Visitor Parking at Venue is available. Public Parking is also nearby.