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Natural Capital

What is it, and what are the implications for property rights, valuation principles, and user of land?

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SPEAKERS

Kate Russell, Tellus Natural Capital

Kate Russell is an independent Natural Capital consultant, Agricultural Valuer, Chartered Surveyor and Chartered Environmentalist. She co-founded Tellus Natural Capital Ltd in 2021 to help farmers and landowners across the UK to prepare for and take advantage of emerging markets in ecosystem services.

Sholto Moger, Terra Nova Land Management

Sholto has worked in data-led strategy and management of land since 2006. He is a practising Chartered Surveyor, whose work involves reforming approaches to strategic land use by creating data-led change. Before establishing his current businesses, Sholto was a Partner of a major national land management business, having studied at Durham and RAU, the latter of which he returned to as a guest lecturer in the future of land management.

Sholto lives and works in the rural west country, devoting his time to the land, rivers and the outdoors. He founded Terra Nova in 2017 and established Searchlight as a bespoke rural property management system in 2020. In 2022 he founded Harrier as a Dynamic Land Intelligence platform to optimise land use.

Daisy Darrell, Birketts

Daisy is a Senior Associate in Birketts' agriculture and estates team. She advises farmers, landowners, and estate managers on agricultural property matters, including estate management, farm transactions, refinancing, and tenancies. With specialist expertise, she provides tailored guidance for unique rural assets. A key area of her work involves natural capital, including Biodiversity Net Gain agreements, carbon markets, sequestration schemes, and national Landscape Recovery Projects. Daisy also handles complex farm and estate sales for families and high-net-worth clients. As part of Birketts' ESG advisory team, she helps farming businesses meet sustainability and financial goals.

Chair:

Catherine Taskis KC, Falcon Chambers

Catherine Taskis KC is ranked as a leading silk for both Property Litigation and Agriculture and Rural Affairs in the Chambers & Partners Guide and the Legal 500. Described as "an exceptional property litigator", Catherine specialises in commercial and residential property disputes, with a particular emphasis on agriculture. She is Vice Chair of the Agricultural Law Association and co-author of Muir Watt & Moss: Agricultural Holdings, the 16th edition of which was published in February 2024.

SYNOPSIS

Natural Capital is the largest global asset class. In a break from the traditional Blundell format, a panel of leading experts will discuss the development of Natural Capital as an emerging market, a topic of vital concern to all sectors of the property and financial markets. What will the effect of the Natural Capital market be on conventional relationships between stakeholders in land? What effect will it have on land tenure, planning permission for development, and the way in which overage is negotiated? Are familiar property concepts the appropriate vehicle for giving effect to this new market? And how can the legal and surveying professions ensure we are equipped to advise our clients in the new world of natural capital? These and other fascinating questions will be considered by Kate Russell, Sholto Moger and Daisy Darrell, and moderated by Catherine Taskis KC.

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