

# BRITISH LAND RECLAMATION SOCIETY

## Spring Visit and Annual General Meeting

### Regeneration of Waverley, Rotherham

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2009

#### PROGRAMME

<b>09.15</b>	<b>Meet at the Technology Centre, Advanced Manufacturing Park, Brunel Way, Rotherham, S60 5WG.</b>	
<b>09.45</b>	<b>BLRS AGM</b>	
<b>10.45</b>	<b>Coffee and tea.</b>	
<b>11.15</b>	<b>Waverley: Past, Present and Future</b>	<b>John Dunshea, ATISREAL</b>
	<b>The Waverley Management Company</b>	<b>Sue Anderson, Director Designate, Harworth Estates, UKCoal</b>
<b>12.15</b>	<b>Buffet lunch</b>	
<b>13.00</b>	<b>Visit to Waverley development site in Land Rovers.</b>	
<b>15.00</b>	<b>Return to Technology Centre for departure.</b>	

The only PPE needed is Wellington Boots as the site can be excessively muddy and we will have the opportunity to walk!

## **Waverley, Rotherham.**

Recently you may have seen in the news details of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1984 miners strike. The Battle of Orgreave, at Orgreave coking works Rotherham saw some of the worst industrial riots and clashes between police and striking miners. Twenty five years on the coking works have gone, but the site, renamed Waverley, is the venue for the BLRS Spring visit and AGM.

Our hosts will be the site owners UKCOAL and site planners Atisreal UK. The venue will be the new Technology Centre at the Advanced Manufacturing Park, Brunel Way, Rotherham, itself built within the first phase of redeveloped brownfield land at the former Orgreave site.

The day will begin with the BLRS Annual General Meeting and the committee hope that you will be able to attend. This is your chance to say how the society is run and opportunities to get more involved. Elizabeth Simmons our long-standing treasurer will also be standing down at this meeting (the end of an era!).

After the AGM, Atisreal UK project manager John Dunshea will describe the legacy, present challenges and future scope of the Waverley site. We will hear how the whole 741 acre site is seen as a national example of creating a small town of highly sustainable, environmentally sound housing, alongside a mix of commercial development anticipated to generate 10,000 jobs. The most recent phase includes an outline planning application submitted to Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council for approximately 4,000 houses, community facilities and green areas, together with a series of public consultation meetings in the area. There are also public access proposals to deliver 25 kilometres of new and restored footpaths, cycle routes and bridleways, linking local communities and helping to deliver government targets on sustainable transport and public health.

The second presentation will be from Sue Anderson, Director Designate of Harworth Estates (UKCOAL's property arm) who will describe the structure and operation of The Waverley Management Company. She will then throw the meeting open for a question and answer forum. She anticipates lots of questions!

After a buffet lunch there will be an opportunity to have a guided tour of the Waverley site in land rovers. The site is generally extremely muddy and it can be quite an "all terrain adventure" after rain. The tour will include a visit to the highest point "The Hill" where we will have a useful overview of the whole 741 acre site. The land rovers will get us so far, and then we have to walk through the mud to the summit!! The tour will also visit the lakes, which are part of a surface water management scheme and a wildlife area. Each Land Rover seats 9 people comfortably and the whole tour will take approximately 45 minutes. It is anticipated that the tour will be conducted twice, with some delegates remaining at the Technology Centre during the first tour. Once your tour is completed you are free to depart.

The BLRS committee look forward to seeing you on the 29<sup>th</sup> April at Waverley.