

Campaign

Campaign to complain

A campaign to add parish and town councils to the list of bodies eligible to submit complaints to the Financial Services Ombudsman is gathering evidence. The campaign, organised by NALC and county associations, is now appealing for parish and town councils to complete [a survey, which can be found here](#). The survey, which will take no more than five minutes to complete, closes at **23:45 on November 1st**.



Legal eagles highlight scam email

One of the latest scam emails to land in DALC's inbox purports to be from law firm Freshfields, asking for payment of a long overdue bill. The firm, which is genuine, has alerted recipients [via its website here](#), outlining that scammers will often attach fake documents, such as invoices, to back up their attempts at fraud.

LAST CHANCE! DALC Day & AGM Thursday 17th October – book your place now!

A final reminder that October 17th is DALC Day – our annual get-together featuring guest speakers, exhibitors, the presentation of the DALC Awards and our AGM. This year, we'll also have two round-table expert speaker/discussion sessions, giving delegates the chance to choose which topics they're interested in. Our keynote speakers will be Clare Ward, the mayor of the brand-new East Midlands Combined County Authority, and Toby Perkins, MP for Chesterfield – both of whom will also be available for Q&A. Places for DALC Day, which will take place between 0945-1530 at Chesterfield FC's SMH Stadium, [can be booked here](#)

you can find the running order of the day [here](#) and the round table topic discussions [here](#)



Local councils must keep 'key role' in home-building plans, Government told

The ever-contentious topic of house-building targets might have slipped off the national news agenda since the election, but the [National Planning Policy Framework consultation](#) has been gathering input from various bodies, including NALC. Following a NALC policy committee meeting on September 16, [a response has been submitted](#) – outlining the key role played by parish and town councils in ensuring community 'buy-in' for new projects, and "broadly welcoming" the government's proposals.



New NALC website has launched

NALC has launched its new website, aimed at giving easier access to its information and resources. The new site, which was launched on October 7th, will allow parish and town councillors, clerks and staff to create an account. Link to: [create your account](#), [video tutorial](#) on how to create your account.



Round Robin-Shared experiences

The latest responses to Round Robin requests are available to all members: Click on the links:

[Skatepark Suppliers and Installers](#)

[Reinstatement Valuation Companies](#)

[Allotment Association Lease Template](#)

[Suppliers of Large Christmas Trees](#)



Get informed... on planning

A reminder that guidance on how councils can respond to planning applications and co-ordinate neighbourhood plans is available via useful documents from the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE), and which are [uploaded to the DALC website here](#). DALC members can also join our Neighbourhood Planning training session on **Tuesday 19 November** – [more details can be found here](#).

Featured Training

Stay updated with our upcoming courses:

Employment Law Update – 10/10/2024 (10:00-11:00 AM)

HR Essentials – 15/10/2024 (10:00-11:30 AM)

Safeguarding – 06/11/2024 (1:00-2:00 PM)

Code of Conduct – 13/11/2024 (6:00-7:30 PM)

Introduction to Neighbourhood Planning – 19/11/2024 (6:00-7:30PM)

Sustainability – 28/11/2024 (6:30-8:30 PM)

First Aid – 10/12/2024 (9:00 AM-4:00 PM)

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