

# The Big Green Issues Theatre

## Friday

11.00 -  
11.45

### ***Eco Planning & Legislation***

**Dave Potter,  
Swindon Borough Council**

Learn what legislation enforces and how to help planners help you. As Director of Planning and Transport for Swindon, Dave is responsible for shaping Council Policy on sustainable development, including setting the standards for sustainable construction, renewable energy and climate change.

12.30 -  
13.15

### ***How To Make Money From Renewable Energy - Feed-In Tariffs Explained***

**Tim Pullen,  
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13.45 -  
14.30

### ***Eco Building: Getting The Basics Right***

**Geoff Stow,  
Director of AECB**

Looking at the major issues such as design, detailing, services, materials and how to achieve the best results against your time and budget. Geoff built his own home and now runs community self build schemes and courses in environmental building issues. The AECB is committed to minimising the environmental impact of the building process.

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15.15

### ***Eco Friendly Renovation***

**Julia Hailes MBE,  
Environmental Consultant**  
This seminar, covering renewable energy options, heating, lighting, insulation, draft-proofing and water efficiency, promises to be full of personal anecdotes and interesting observations. Julia has been working as an environmental consultant for over 20 years, written nine books on the topic, eco-renovated her own homes and been a trustee of the Ecos Trust.

## Saturday

### ***Green Homes: How To Secure Planning Permission***

**Alex Blake,  
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### ***Make Mine An Eco Home***

**Charles Couzens,  
Ecos Trust & Board of Regen SW**  
Sustainable refurbishment - how do you assess a building and identify the improvements you can make? Charles includes a brief examination of renewable technologies, their integration into dwellings and the cost, production and design issues raised by each. Ecos Trust have recently completed five homes achieving Level 5 of the Code for Sustainable Homes.

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### ***Low Carbon Refurbishment of Existing Homes***

**John Doggart,  
Chairman of the Sustainable Energy Academy**

A unique approach to the subject of renovation with reference to the award-winning Superhomes movement, transforming homes to be fit for the 21st Century. Discover how over thirty homes have been altered to save a minimum 60% of their carbon footprint and get inspiration for your own home.