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European Criminal Environmental Law and Enforcement in England

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Chair:

Richard Atkins, Knights Solicitors

Speakers:

June Lunt

Natural England

Professor Valsamis Mitsilegas

Queen Mary College, University of London

Rex Tedd QC

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Bernard Thorogood

No 5 Chambers

Peter Shephard

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Richard Atkins LLM and MA (Business law) Dip Crim was a former senior prosecutor and special casework lawyer of 25 standing in both the Crown Prosecution Service and Government Legal Service. He remains on the Attorney General's approved list of prosecutors as a Higher Court Advocate and has advised and is retained as a regular Agent in the Thames Valley area. Returning to Private Practice he joined Knights a leading specialist countryside and wildlife practice. Richard has particular expertise in defending cases involving those charged with offences under the European Protected Species Regulations, their environment and likewise farmers and others charged with animal welfare offences.

June Lunt is the Chief Legal Adviser for Natural England. She has been an environmental lawyer for over 20 years. She started her environmental law career shortly after qualifying as a solicitor when she joined what was then known as the National Rivers Authority. The NRA subsequently became the Environment Agency. At the Environment Agency Julie was the Regional Solicitor for the Midlands region. At both the NRA and the Agency Julie was responsible for prosecuting those who damaged the environment. In 2004 Julie moved into private practice and joined Hammonds safety, health and environment team. In July 2007 she became the first in-house lawyer at Natural England. Julie now heads an in-house legal team of 4 lawyers. She continues to take the lead on all enforcement related issues in Natural England.

Valsamis Mitsilegas is Head of the Department of Law, Professor of European Criminal Law and Director of the [Criminal Justice Centre](#) at Queen Mary University of London. From 2001 to 2005 he was legal adviser to the [House of Lords European Union Committee](#). His interests and expertise lie in the areas of EU law. He has published widely in the fields of European criminal law, immigration and asylum and security and counter-terrorism law. He is also an expert in the field of legal responses to transnational organised crime, corruption and money laundering. Professor Mitsilegas is a member of the Management Committee of the [European Criminal Law Academic Network \(ECLAN\)](#), a Europe-wide network which brings together academic experts from the EU 27 and beyond. He was General Rapporteur to the [2012 Congress of the International Federation for European Law \(FIDE\)](#), held in Tallinn (stream on the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice). He is currently the Queen Mary Principal Investigator on a multinational interdisciplinary research project on [EU Action to Fight](#) research project on [EU Action to Fight Environmental Crime \(EFFACE\)](#) funded by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme for Research. This 40-month project (2012-2016) aims to assess the impact of environmental crime and develop effective and feasible policy options for combating it at EU level. Professor Mitsilegas is also a regular consultant to parliaments, EU institutions and international organisations. He is also Consultant Editor to [EU Law in Criminal Practice \(OUP, 2013\)](#).

Peter Shepherd, PhD, MCIEEM, is a founder and senior partner in BSG Ecology, he has over 25 years' professional and research experience in ecology and nature conservation having worked in the voluntary and private sectors in the UK and overseas in Eastern Europe and South East Asia. His specialist areas are urban ecology and vegetation, and bat ecology and conservation. As well as being an expert botanist he has undertaken consultancy work for a range of clients including central government agencies, local authorities and numerous private sector organisations in the urban development, urban regeneration, renewable energy and public realm sectors. He regularly works within consultant teams on large-scale development projects. He has appeared as an expert witness at numerous public inquiries, hearings, and examinations in public and has presented numerous papers to local, national and international conferences. Peter regularly provides high level training to the consultancy sector.

Rex Tedd QC D.Univ, BCL, MA, is Head of Group at Regulatory & Licensing No 5 Chambers. He took silk in 1993. He was elected Leader of the Midland and Oxford Circuit [1999-2002]. Since 2000, he has been a Deputy High Court Judge, authorised in Queen's Bench, Chancery and Family Divisions. He has been a Recorder since 1995. He was elected a Master of the Bench of the Inner Temple in 2000. His principal area of practice in recent years has been heavyweight, complex and high profile criminal work, with a strong emphasis on health and safety work. He has been briefed in many recent high profile criminal cases by Natural England, Environment Agency and HSE as well as the CPS. Notable cases include: Natural England-v - Day a prosecution of estate owner for offences concerning Site of Special Scientific Interest [SSSI] and Environment Agency -v- Cleansing Group Ltd. He also led the prosecution team in a series of high profile HSE prosecutions in respect of coal mining fatalities.

Bernard Thorogood is a leading barrister regularly instructed by government departments and public bodies (including Natural England. His practice area covers Agriculture & Rural Affairs Inquests, Environment Regulatory, Licensing Technology & Construction. He represents and advises large organisations, including major businesses, individuals, Fire and Rescue Services and other public bodies in Regulatory matters concerning their present and future practice. Bernard speaking invitations have included Strasbourg, as the UK delegate in a Seminar of European Judges about the impact of domestic Data Protection Legislation on the Criminal/Regulatory Justice System in the UK and the Provision of Development Day training to enforcement officers/lawyers of the Surrey, West Sussex, Kent, Oxfordshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Services. His cases include the following areas of law Tree Preservation Orders. Environmental - water and land, Trading Standards Food Standards and Animal Welfare.