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**Meeting Venue**

Lectures start 7pm

University of Birmingham

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**Refreshments are**

available prior to the  
meeting in the Shell  
lounge, Department of  
Mechanical and Civil  
Engineering, from 6:15  
onwards.

Monday 14th May 2018

**Land Remediation Tax Relief on  
Brownfield Sites**

Ben de Waal, **The** Fiscal Incentives Group

**Synopsis:**

Tax incentives can play a key role in bringing brownfield land back into productive use. This talk will help delegates navigate their way through the legislation for both Land Remediation Relief and Research & Development tax relief including insight into how the tax relief impacts on project returns. There will be a high-level overview of the key entitlement and eligibility conditions, alerts to some common misconceptions and pitfalls and guidance on best practice aimed at optimising the amount of tax relief generated at each stage of the project lifecycle.

There will be case studies to look at the sensitivity of tax incentives on project viability with a focus on marginal schemes. This will also include a summary of the key recommendations made to HM Treasury to improve the effectiveness of the tax relief regime to influence developer behaviour.

**About the Speaker:**

Ben is a Chartered Surveyor who established The Fiscal Incentives Group in June 2015 having previously been a tax partner at legacy companies including Crosher & James, Davis Langdon and AECOM. Ben has been specialising in tax incentives for property investors and developers since 1995. He currently helps many of the volume housebuilders and developers of complex brownfield sites benefit from Land Remediation Relief (LRR), R&D Tax Credits and Capital Allowances. He has overseen in excess of £2bn worth of claims since enactment of the relief in 2001 and has successfully negotiated a number of key entitlement and eligibility issues with HMRC.

He is a strong advocate of brownfield development and has worked extensively with the Environmental Industries Commission and Home Builders Federation to develop awareness of tax incentives and is leading the lobby effort for modifications to the LRR relief to make it more responsive to the challenges of developing brownfield land.

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