



## AER Committee 1, 2 & 3 Autumn Plenary Meeting, 2-4 November 2015, Winchester, Hampshire (UK)

### Practical Information

#### Travel advice

##### How to get to Winchester?



From and to the airport:

##### 1. Southampton airport

The closest airport to Winchester is Southampton airport.  
<http://www.southamptonairport.com/>

There are regular trains between the airport (Southampton Airport Parkway station) and Winchester approximately every 15 minutes and the journey takes around 10 minutes.

Train times can be found here: [www.southwesttrains.co.uk](http://www.southwesttrains.co.uk)

##### 2. Heathrow airport

Heathrow is the closest, major, international airport to Winchester. There are multiple travel options from the airport to Winchester.

#### National Express

The National Express Coach goes direct from all Terminals of Heathrow airport direct to Winchester in approximately 1 hour 35 minutes. Services run approximately every 2 hours. The cost of a single ticket is approximately £20.

<http://www.nationalexpress.com/wherewego/airports/index.aspx>

#### Heathrow express

The Heathrow express train (<https://www.heathrowexpress.com/>) goes to London Paddington train station. The journey time is 15 minutes and trains run every 15 minutes. From Paddington, you can take the London Underground, Bakerloo Line (<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/plan-a-journey/>) to London Waterloo train station, taking around 15 minutes. There are direct trains from London Waterloo to Winchester approximately every 20 minutes and the journey takes around 1 hour, train times can be found here: [www.southwesttrains.co.uk](http://www.southwesttrains.co.uk). Winchester train station is a 5 minute walk from the meeting venue. Leave the station via platform 2 and follow signs to the county council offices.

Total journey time (including changes) c. 2 hours. Total cost c. £50, one-way.

#### Taxis

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There are several taxi companies that offer direct services from London Heathrow to Winchester. Journey time is approximately 1 hour and costs around £60 - £80 one-way. Taxis should be booked in advance.

<http://www.airporttaxis-uk.co.uk>

<http://www.airportscars.co.uk/>

<http://www.airporttaxiwinchester.co.uk/london-heathrow.html>

The conference will be held at Hampshire County Council's offices in central Winchester – see further details below.

The three recommended hotels are all within walking distance of the meeting venue.

### **Visa and passport obligations**

Please note that you are responsible for acquiring your own visa, when appropriate, and for complying with the other entry requirements to the United Kingdom. More information regarding visa obligations is available on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website: <https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa>

### **Registration for events**

Attendance to all events is free of charge but you are kindly reminded that accommodation and travel costs are your responsibility.

Registration is based on a first come first served basis, so we strongly advise you to register as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Registration forms are available on the AER event page:

<http://www.aer.eu/en/events/regionaldevelopment/2015/committee-13-autumn-plenaries.html>

**The deadline to register for the events is 23 October 2015.**

### **Venue**

The meeting will be held in Ashburton Hall, Elizabeth 2 Court, Sussex Street, Winchester, SO23 8UJ. A location map and directions can be found here: <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/map.htm>

Please note that the official meal on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November will be held in a Medieval Hall (<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/greathall>). Attendees are asked to dress warmly to ensure they are comfortable.

### **Accommodation**

Please find below the hotels recommended by the organising entities.

**Hotel NAME: Mercure Wessex**

Address: Paternoster Row, Winchester SO23 9LQ

T: 01962 312800

E: H6619@accor.com

Website: <http://www.mercure.com>

Room prices per night including breakfast: £97 per room per night, including breakfast.  
20 rooms have been reserved until 4th October 2015.

### **Hotel NAME: Winchester Royal Hotel**

Address: 21 Saint Peter Street, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8BS

T: 0844 855 9137

E: reservations.winchester@sjhotels.co.uk

Website: <http://www.sjhotels.co.uk/winchester>

Room prices per night including breakfast: £85 per room per night, including breakfast.  
50 rooms have been reserved until 20th September.

### **Hotel NAME: The Winchester Hotel and Spa**

Address: Worthy Lane, Winchester, SO23 7AB

T: 01962 709988

E: yourhost@t-wh.co.uk

Website: <http://www.thewinchesterhotel.co.uk/>

Room prices per night including breakfast: £90 per room per night for the 1st & 2nd November, £115 per room per night for the 3rd November  
30 rooms have been reserved until the end of June.

When booking in any of the above hotels, please quote "Helen Cutler, Hampshire County Council" to receive the special rates.

### Alternative hotels (no reservations made):

#### **Premier Inn Winchester**

Address: Caledonia House, Winnall Manor Road, Winchester, SO23 0RS

T: 0871 527 9424

E: N/A

Website: <http://www.premierinn.com>

Travel to the meeting is either on foot (c. 20 minute walk) or by Stagecoach bus service 1 towards Stanmore, taking approximately 15 minutes (timetable: <http://www.stagecoachbus.com>). Exit the bus at Jewry Street (outside Barclay's Bank) and walk to the venue, up the hill (c. 7 minutes).

#### **Travelodge**

N.B. This hotel is in Eastleigh, a town outside of Winchester with regular train services between the two places.

Address: Southampton Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9FJ

T: 0871 984 6201

E: N/A

Website: <http://www.travelodge.co.uk>

The train journey between Eastleigh and Winchester takes approximately 10 minutes. Train times: [www.southwesttrains.co.uk](http://www.southwesttrains.co.uk)

Winchester train station is a 5 minute walk from the meeting venue. Leave the station via platform 2 and follow signs to the county council offices.

## Working languages

### All events will be held only in English.

Any delegation wishing to bring their own interpreters should contact the Secretariat as soon as possible (contact information at the end of the document).

## Waiver of responsibility

Please note that all participants are responsible for their insurance during their travel and stay in the UK. The Assembly of European Regions bears no responsibility for personal injury, property loss or damage during the event.

## Useful numbers

### **Taxi companies in Winchester (UK):**

**Winch taxis:** <http://www.winchtaxis.com/> Mobile: **07922 233545**

**Wessex cars Phone:** <http://www.wessexcars.com/> Phone: **01962 877749** **Mobile: 07733 364429**

**Winchester taxis:** <http://www.winchestertaxi.com/> Mobile: **07919 181403**

### **Other emergency numbers:**

Police	Tel: 999
Fire	Tel: 999
Ambulance	Tel: 999
National Police (non-emergency)	Tel: 101
Telephone (KPN)	Tel:
Gas, Electricity Emergency	Tel: 0800 111 999
Sea Rescue / Coast Guard (Kustwacht)	Tel: 999
Tourist Medical Service (ATAS)	Tel:
Breakdown Service (ANWB)	Tel:

## Further information

Information concerning the events will be regularly updated on our AER website.

<http://www.aer.eu/en/events/regionaldevelopment/2015/committee-13-autumn-plenaries.html>

Please address any questions you may have to the AER Secretariat:

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