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**Abstract:** Providing an overview of rural (spatial) planning for students on planning, geography and related programmes, this book charts the major patterns and processes of rural change affecting the British countryside, its landscape, its communities and its economies in the twentieth century. The authors examine the role of 'planning' in shaping rural spaces, not only the statutory 'comprehensive' planning that emerged in the post-war period, but also planning and rural programme delivery undertaken by central, regional and local policy agencies. The book is designed to accompany a typical teaching programme in rural planning and considers:

- the nature of rural areas and the emergence of statutory planning in England
- the agents of rural policy delivery and the potential for current planning practice to become a 'policy hub' at the local level, co-ordinating the actions and programmes of different agents
- economic change in the countryside and the influence planning has in shaping rural economies
- social change, the nature of rural communities and recent debates on housing and rural service provision
- environmental change, the changing fortunes of farming, landscape protection, and the idea of a multi-functional landscape made by forces that can be shaped by the planning process
- key areas of current concern in spatial rural planning, including debates surrounding cityregions, the rural

A comprehensive coverage of the forces, processes and outcomes of rural change whilst keeping planning's influence and role in clear view at all times.