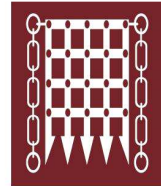


**Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum Keynote Seminar**  
**Developing a transport strategy for the Midlands: devolution, infrastructure and local growth**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Venue: The ICC, 8 Centenary Square, Birmingham B1 2EA



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Philippa Oldham**, Head of Transport and Manufacturing, Institution of Mechanical Engineers
- 9.05 - 9.30 **The policy context for transport in the Midlands: growth, infrastructure and devolution**  
**Carolyn Dolan**, Deputy Director, Regional Strategies: North and Midlands, Department for Transport  
Questions and comments from the floor
- Supporting local connectivity and coordinating intermodal travel**
- 9.30 - 9.40 *Developing a passenger-facing service*  
**Linda McCord**, Senior Stakeholder Manager, Transport Focus and Chair, West Midlands Bus Alliance
- 9.40 - 9.50 *Linking local bus services to rail and road networks and connecting East and West Midlands*  
**Nigel Eggleton**, Managing Director, First Midlands, FirstGroup
- 9.50 - 10.00 *'How we plan transport now will shape our future towns and cities, for better or worse'*  
**Emily Walsh**, Associate Director, Movement and Place, Systra
- 10.00 - 10.10 *Creating a long-term Midlands transport strategy: priorities for passengers, freight and international gateways*  
**Maria Machancoses**, Programme Director, Midlands Connect
- 10.10 - 10.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 - 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Philippa Oldham**, Head of Transport and Manufacturing, Institution of Mechanical Engineers
- 10.35 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Chris Jackson**, Partner and Head of Transport, Burges Salmon
- Developing key transport infrastructure and wider links into the Midlands**
- 11.15 - 11.25 *Investing in 'the Hub' and supporting regional economic growth*  
**Huw Rhys Lewis**, Managing Director, Urban Growth Company
- 11.25 - 11.35 *Opportunities from increased connectivity and faster city links*  
**Lorna Pimlott**, Sponsorship & Policy Director, HS2
- 11.35 - 11.45 *Priorities for airport capacity for domestic and international transport*  
**Andy Cliffe**, Managing Director, East Midlands Airport
- 11.45 - 11.55 *Strategies for road routes and delivering network connectivity for the Midlands*  
**Andrew Butterfield**, Head of Service Delivery - Midlands Region, Highways England
- 11.55 - 12.05 *Meeting the practical challenges of delivering new transport infrastructure*  
**Molly McKenzie**, East Midlands and West Midlands Regional Director, Institute of Civil Engineers
- 12.05 - 12.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Devolution and next steps for creating the new Midlands transport system**  
**Councillor Roger Lawrence**, Leader, City of Wolverhampton Council and Transport Lead, West Midlands Combined Authority  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**  
**Chris Jackson**, Partner and Head of Transport, Burges Salmon  
**Michael Ryan**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum