

**Westminster Social Policy Forum keynote seminar:
Next steps for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects**

Timing: Morning, Monday, 13th May 2024

*****Taking Place Online*****



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Berkeley, Member, House of Lords Built Environment Committee
- 9.05 **Next steps for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) reform**
Alicia Ford, Deputy Director, National Infrastructure Planning, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Assessing proposals for NSIP consultation and implementation**
Practicalities of the proposed fast track system | Enabling local authorities and communities to engage with plans | Environmental considerations | Impact of consultation processes on investment and business planning | Maximising potential community benefits
George Wilson, Senior Associate, Pinsent Masons
Andrew Weaver, Director of Infrastructure and Major Projects, Cooper Consultancy
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, infrastructure
Senior academic
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Regulatory priorities for NSIPs and roll out of consultation processes**
Beth Corbould, Director, RAPID and Environmental Planning, Ofwat
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Berkeley, Member, House of Lords Built Environment Committee
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Thornhill
- 11.20 **Priorities for infrastructure providers, learning from challenges and assessing the future landscape for NSIPs**
Jon Loveday, Director of Infrastructure, Enterprise and Growth, Infrastructure and Projects Authority
- 11.35 **Practical issues for implementation**
Environmental impact reports | Conservation and stewardship | Community engagement processes | Collaborative frameworks for project partners and local stakeholders | Coordination of development with wider policy priorities for levelling up and net zero
Alister Kratt, Director, LDA Design
Julian Boswall, Partner, Burges Salmon
Tom Burditt, Chief Executive Officer, The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside
Senior speaker confirmed from **WSP**
Senior representative, local authority
- 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12:30 **Next steps for development of NSIPs**
Pauleen Lane, Professional Lead for Infrastructure, Planning Inspectorate
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Baroness Thornhill
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Social Policy Forum