

Westminster Legal Policy Forum keynote seminar:

Next steps for leasehold reform

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 24th April 2024

Taking place online



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Barry Gardiner MP
- 9.05 **The current leasehold landscape in England and Wales**
Professor Martin Dixon, Professor of the Law of Real Property, University of Cambridge
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **The new Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill**
Impact on new and existing leaseholders | Priorities for affordability | Building safety | Property market | Ground rent
Mark Chick, Senior Partner, Bishop & Sewell
Dr Mark Andrew, Senior Lecturer in Real Estate Finance and Investment, City, University of London
Katie Kendrick, Founder, National Leaseholders Campaign
Emily Norman, Senior Associate, Residential Valuation, Allsop
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Property disputes and redress**
Judge Siobhan McGrath, President, First Tier Tribunal (Property Chamber), Courts and Tribunals Judiciary
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Alternative approaches to policy**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.10 **Chair's closing remarks**
Barry Gardiner MP
- 11.15 Break
- 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Best, Member, House of Lords Industry and Regulators Committee
- 11.40 **Key issues going forward for leasehold and the property market**
Alternative approaches to policy | The future of property development and property management | The place of commonhold in reform | Implications of insurance regulatory changes
Branko Bjelobaba, Principal and FCA Compliance Advisor, Branko
Ian Fletcher, Director of Policy, British Property Federation
Helen Streeton, Partner, Head of Build to Rent, Forsters
Harry Scoffin, Founder, Free Leaseholders
Shula Rich, Founder, leaseadvice.org; Vice Chair, Federation of Private Residents' Associations; and Chair, Brighton, Hove and District Leaseholders Association
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **'Leasehold reform: the Law Commission's perspective'**
Professor Nicholas Hopkins, Commissioner, Law Commission of England and Wales
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**
Lord Best, Member, House of Lords Industry and Regulators Committee
Alice Burgess, Westminster Legal Policy Forum