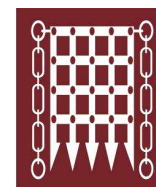


Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum Keynote Seminar
Developing a transport strategy for the Midlands: devolution, infrastructure and local growth

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 14th December 2017

Venue: Central Birmingham



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Richard Burden MP, Member of Parliament for Birmingham, Northfield and former Shadow Transport Minister
- 9.05 - 9.30 **The policy context for transport in the Midlands: infrastructure, devolution and growth**
Carolyn Dolan, Deputy Director, Regional Strategies: North and Midlands, Department for Transport
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 9.40 **Developing a long-term Midlands transport strategy: priorities for passengers, freight and international gateways**
Maria Machancoses, Programme Director, Midlands Connect
- Supporting local connectivity and coordinating intermodal travel**
- 9.40 - 9.50 *Developing a passenger-facing service*
Anthony Smith, Chief Executive, Transport Focus
- 9.50 - 10.00 *Linking local bus services to rail and road networks and connecting East and West Midlands*
Senior representative, public transport
- 10.00 - 10.10 *'How we plan transport now will shape our future towns and cities, for better or worse'*
Emily Walsh, Associate Director, Movement and Place, Systra
- 10.10 - 10.20 *Putting Midlands redevelopment into a national context and the future of regional travel*
Senior academic
- 10.20 - 10.40 Questions and comments from the floor with **Maria Machancoses**, Programme Director, Midlands Connect
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Richard Burden MP, Member of Parliament for Birmingham, Northfield and former Shadow Transport Minister
- 10.45 - 11.15 Coffee
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- Developing key transport infrastructure and wider links to the Midlands**
- 11.20 - 11.30 *Investing in Midlands infrastructure and supporting economic growth*
Huw Rhys Lewis, Managing Director, Urban Growth Company
- 11.30 - 11.40 *Opportunities from increased connectivity and faster city links*
Senior representative, high speed rail
- 11.40 - 11.50 *Priorities for airport capacity for domestic and international transport*
Senior representative, airports
- 11.50 - 12.00 *Strategies for road routes and delivering network connectivity for the Midlands*
Senior representative, roads
- 12.00 - 12.10 *Meeting the practical challenges of delivering new transport infrastructure*
Senior representative, construction
- 12.10 - 12.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Devolution and next steps for creating the new Midlands transport system**
Senior speaker to be announced
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum