

**Westminster Business Forum Keynote Seminar:**

**Policy priorities for the UK construction industry - modernisation, skills and the Industrial Strategy**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Rt Hon the Lord Stunell**, Liberal Democrat Lords Spokesperson for Construction
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Next steps for construction policy in the new Parliament**  
**Fergus Harradence**, Deputy Director, Construction, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.30 **Key priorities for policy - infrastructure, housing development and the impact of industrial strategy**  
**Professor Rudi Klein**, Chief Executive, Specialist Engineering Contractors' Group  
**Professor Denise Bower**, Executive Director, Major Projects Association and Professor of Engineering Project Management, University of Leeds  
Senior representative, housing developer  
Senior representative, infrastructure  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 - 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Rt Hon the Lord Stunell**, Liberal Democrat Lords Spokesperson for Construction
- 10.35 - 11.05 Coffee
- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**The Earl of Lytton**
- 11.10 - 11.30 **Modernising the construction industry**  
**Mark Farmer**, Chief Executive Officer, Cast, and Author, *Modernise or Die: The Farmer Review of the UK Construction Labour Model*  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 - 12.15 **Innovation in the construction industry - disruptors, incentivising R&D and improving productivity**  
**Calum Murray**, Managing Director, CCG  
**Graeme Forbes**, Chief Executive Officer, Clearbox  
**Will Reddaway**, Group Head of Innovation, Murphy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.15 - 12.55 **The construction workforce - skill gaps, apprenticeships and responding to the post-Brexit landscape**  
**James Bryce**, Director, Strategic Workforce Planning, Arcadis  
**Stephen Radley**, Policy and Partnership Director, CITB  
**Katy Dowding**, Executive Vice President, Skanska UK  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**  
**The Earl of Lytton**  
**Marc Gammon**, Associate Editor, Westminster Business Forum