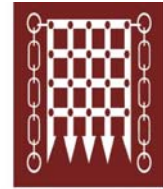


Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum Keynote Seminar:

Flood management in England - priorities, investment and adaptation

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 4th November 2014

Venue: ICO Conference Centre, 22 Berners Street, London W1T 3DD



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Katherine Pygott, Director of Water Management, Peter Brett Associates
- 9.05 - 9.15 **Flood management - the scale of the challenges**
Andrew Brown, Director, Water and Flood Management, HR Wallingford
- 9.15 - 10.05 **Flood resilience - priorities and assessing the response to the challenges**
With more than 7,500 homes and 3,000 commercial properties damaged in the last year, how have Government initiatives such as the Business Support Scheme and Council Tax Discount scheme helped get communities back on their feet, and what more can be done? How effective are steps being taken to protect strategically important infrastructure - particularly for transport, communications and energy - from future flood risk? What actions can be taken to strengthen the water drainage and flood catchment system, and what role should dredging play in the Government's response?
Dr Guy Michaels, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science
Fola Ogunyoye, Technical Director, Royal HaskoningDHV
Minette Batters, Deputy President, NFU
Ben Edwards, Strategic Services Director, Network Rail
Questions and comments from the floor with **Andrew Brown**, Director, Water and Flood Management, HR Wallingford
- 10.05 - 10.30 **The view from the Environment Agency - managing flood and coastal erosion risks for the medium and long term**
David Rooke, Executive Director of Flood and Coastal Risk Management, Environment Agency
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 - 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Katherine Pygott, Director of Water Management, Peter Brett Associates
- 10.35 - 11.00 Coffee
- 11.00 - 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Anne McIntosh MP, Chair, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee and All-Party Parliamentary Flood Prevention Group
- 11.10 - 11.20 **Assessing the National Adaptation Programme**
Daniel Johns, Head of Adaptation, Committee on Climate Change
- 11.20 - 11.40 **Evaluating and forecasting the impact of climate change**
Graeme Boyce, Strategy and Development Coordinator, Flood Forecasting Centre, Met Office
Questions and comments from the floor with **Daniel Johns**, Head of Adaptation, Committee on Climate Change
- 11.40 - 11.50 **Developing the Flood Reinsurance Scheme**
Aidan Kerr, Assistant Director & Head of Property, Association of British Insurers
- 11.50 - 12.10 **Preventing surface water flooding and managing drainage**
Anthony Crawford, Head of Waste Networks, Thames Water
Questions and comments from the floor with **Aidan Kerr**, Assistant Director & Head of Property, Association of British Insurers
- 12.10 - 12.55 **Looking ahead - investment, mitigating risk, and developing a sustainable environment**
As the Government launches its £540m support package, what are the priorities for developing a sustainable infrastructure and environment capable of coping with future flood risk? Does England have a sufficient flood management strategy and how is the political context affecting implementation alongside the current planning regime as interested parties seek to adequately protect urban and rural developments? What role can technology play in predicting flood warnings and vulnerable zones, and how can this be integrated into England's current flood management system?
Paul Cobbing, Chief Executive, National Flood Forum
Jeremy Harrison, Deputy Chair, Institute of Risk Management
Katherine Pygott, Director of Water Management, Peter Brett Associates
Rod Plummer, Managing Director, Shoothill
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Anne McIntosh MP, Chair, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee and All-Party Parliamentary Flood Prevention Group
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum