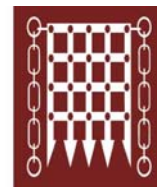


**Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum Keynote Seminar:
National infrastructure planning: priorities, funding and progress of major projects**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 3rd September 2015

Venue: Glaziers Hall, 9 Montague Close, London SE1 9DD



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Rt Hon the Baroness Kramer, Liberal Democrat Treasury Spokesperson and former Minister of State, Department for Transport
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Delivering the National Infrastructure Plan and progress on major projects**
Mark Southgate, Director of Major Applications and Plans, The Planning Inspectorate
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.30 **Addressing the challenges: community engagement, sustainability, project delivery and funding**
Angus Walker, Partner and Head of Planning and Infrastructure, Bircham Dyson Bell and Chair, National Infrastructure Planning Association (NIPA)
Giles Frost, Chief Executive, Amber Infrastructure
Alyn Jones, Strategic Manager - Major Programmes, Somerset County Council
Amy Mount, Senior Policy Adviser, Green Alliance
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 - 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Rt Hon the Baroness Kramer, Liberal Democrat Treasury Spokesperson and former Minister of State, Department for Transport
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- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Angus Walker, Partner and Head of Planning and Infrastructure, Bircham Dyson Bell and Chair, National Infrastructure Planning Association (NIPA)
- 11.10 - 11.20 **Progress on the Mersey Gateway Project and priorities for improving regional transport connectivity**
David Parr, Chief Executive, Halton Borough Council and Chief Executive, Mersey Gateway Crossings Board
- 11.20 - 11.30 **Developing energy infrastructure: tidal lagoons, opportunities and lesson learnt**
Alex Herbert, Head of Development Planning, Tidal Lagoon Power
- 11.30 - 11.40 **Examining priorities for UK roads: construction, maintenance and investment**
Matthew Lugg, Director of Public Services, Mouchel
- 11.40 - 11.50 **Widening coverage of the communication network and connecting communities**
Garry Miller, Group Head of Public Policy, BT Group
- 11.50 - 12.00 **Adapting to climate change and securing UK flood defences**
Neil Davies, Deputy Director of Strategy Delivery, Flood and Coastal Risk Management, Environment Agency
- 12.00 - 12.10 **Improving rail connectivity and planning for the long-term**
Andrew Meaney, Partner and Head of Transport, Oxera
- 12.10 - 12.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Government priorities for funding large infrastructure projects**
Stephen Dance, Head of Infrastructure Delivery, Infrastructure UK, HM Treasury
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Angus Walker, Partner and Head of Planning and Infrastructure, Bircham Dyson Bell and Chair, National Infrastructure Planning Association (NIPA)
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum