

**Westminster Social Policy Forum conference:**  
**Next steps for building safety regulation in England**  
*Timing: Morning, Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026*  
**\*\*\*Taking Place Online\*\*\***

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8.30	Registration	 <b>WESTMINSTER SOCIAL POLICY FORUM</b>
9.00	<b><u>Chair's opening remarks</u></b> Senior Parliamentarian	
9.05	<b><u>Assessing major developments in Building safety policy and regulation in England - progress and priorities</u></b> Senior commentator Questions and comments from the floor	
9.25	<b><u>Regulatory priorities for building safety and transition towards a Single Construction Regulator</u></b> Senior representative, regulation Questions and comments from the floor	
9.50	<b><u>Building standards implementation - safety, oversight and delivery in practice</u></b> <i>compliance with proposed statutory fire safety guidance in Approved Document B   reducing Gateway delays for higher-risk buildings - approval requirements and routes through the system   improving consistency and proportionality in building control and reducing unnecessary burdens   interaction between the Building Safety Regulator, local authority building control and approved inspectors   local authority building control - capacity, capability and financial sustainability   developing mandatory data records for building safety across the construction lifecycle   effectively embedding safety into building design and delivery   implications of construction products reform for standards, assurance and supply chains   implications of planning reform for delivery and sequencing   next steps for Building Safety Levy thresholds and wider sector impacts   addressing sector skills priorities</i> <b>Ben Oram</b> , Technical Director, Buckley Gray Yeoman Senior representative, legal Senior representative, developer Senior representative, building control Senior representative, construction products Questions and comments from the floor	
10.40	<b><u>Findings from the Building Safety Regulator inquiry - outstanding issues and priorities going forward</u></b> Senior representative, policy Questions and comments from the floor	
11.00	<b><u>Chair's closing remarks</u></b> Senior Parliamentarian	
11.05	Break	
11.15	<b><u>Chair's opening remarks</u></b> Senior Parliamentarian	
11.20	<b><u>The Cladding Safety Scheme and the Remediation Acceleration Plan - implementation and next steps</u></b> Senior representative, remediation Questions and comments from the floor	
11.45	<b><u>Key priorities for effective building safety management - compliance, remediation and standards</u></b> <i>accountability and ensuring compliance with the Building Safety Act 2022   responsibilities for accountable persons   progress in remediating unsafe cladding - identification, tenant engagement and efficient removal   priorities for the forthcoming Remediation Bill - enforcement and backstop powers   sequencing and delivery of remediation programmes, including Local Remediation Acceleration Plans   operation of the National Remediation System, data requirements and transparency   access to resources through the Building Safety Fund and Cladding Safety Scheme   impact of wider duties on standards, including Awaab's Law and Decent Homes Standard   implementing new guidance on Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans   private sector compliance with electrical installation condition report regulations   workforce skills priorities   information sharing, complaints handling and redress</i> <b>Dr Eve Blezard</b> , Policy Lead, Asset, Safety and Culture, Chartered Institute of Housing Senior representative, local authority Senior representative, legal Senior representative, fire safety Questions and comments from the floor	
12.30	<b><u>Progress in implementing measures in the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 2, construction product reform, and wider policy and regulatory priorities</u></b> <b>Kate O'Neill</b> , Director, Buildings Design and Construction, Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government Questions and comments from the floor	
12.55	<b><u>Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks</u></b> Senior Parliamentarian <b>Harry Nelson</b> , Westminster Social Policy Forum	