

**Westminster Social Policy Forum conference:  
Next steps for building safety regulation in England**

*Timing: Morning, Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026*

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing major developments in Building safety policy and regulation in England - progress and priorities**  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 **Regulatory priorities for building safety and transition towards a Single Construction Regulator**  
Senior representative, regulation  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.50 **Building standards implementation - safety, oversight and delivery in practice**  
*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*  
**Ben Oram**, 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 **Findings from the Building Safety Regulator inquiry - outstanding issues and priorities going forward**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.20 **The Cladding Safety Scheme and the Remediation Acceleration Plan - implementation and next steps**  
Senior representative, remediation  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Key priorities for effective building safety management - compliance, remediation and standards**  
*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*  
**Dr Eve Blezard**, 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 **Progress in implementing measures in the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 2, construction product reform, and wider policy and regulatory priorities**  
**Kate O'Neill**, Director, Buildings Design and Construction, Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Harry Nelson**, Westminster Social Policy Forum