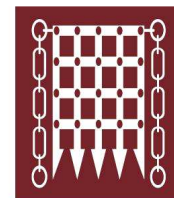


Westminster Social Policy Forum keynote seminar
Next steps for the Oxford-Cambridge Arc - economic development, infrastructure and housing
Timing: Morning, Thursday, 27th February 2020
Venue: 15Hatfields, Chadwick Court, London SE1 8DJ



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
John Howell MP, Member of Parliament for Henley
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Next steps for developing the Arc**
Bridget Rosewell, Commissioner, National Infrastructure Commission
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 9.50 **Collaboration and spreading the benefits of the Arc to communities across the region**
Councillor Barry Wood, Leader, Cherwell District Council and Chair, The Arc Leaders Group
- Realising the economic potential of the Arc - innovation, collaboration and linking the four Local Industrial Strategies**
- 9.50 - 10.00 *Engaging business, attracting inward investment and driving forward Local Industrial Strategies*
Richard Harrington, Chief Executive Officer, Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership
- 10.00 - 10.10 *Establishing the Arc as a global-leading innovation hub*
Professor Chas Bountra, Pro-Vice Chancellor for Innovation, University of Oxford
- 10.10 - 10.20 *Attracting and developing high performing industries, investing in skills and maximising productivity*
John Gourd, Chief Executive Officer, Cambridge Network
- 10.20 - 10.50 Questions and comments from the floor with **Councillor Barry Wood**, Leader, Cherwell District Council and Chair, The Arc Leaders Group
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
John Howell MP, Member of Parliament for Henley
- 10.55 - 11.25 Coffee
- 11.25 - 11.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Rt Hon the Lord Adonis, former Chair, National Infrastructure Commission
- Developing and delivering infrastructure to unlock the Arc's potential**
- 11.35 - 11.45 *Strategies for housing delivery - making best use of land and improving affordability*
Sarah Greenwood, Head of Strategic Growth, Homes England
- 11.45 - 11.55 *Ongoing progress of East West Rail and the challenges ahead*
Rob Brighouse, Chairman, East West Railway Company
- 11.55 - 12.05 *'Thinking differently about transport infrastructure in the Arc: connecting people and places'*
Adrian Hames, Director, Transport Planning, WSP
- 12.05 - 12.15 *Engaging businesses and communities, improving connectivity and reducing barriers to growth*
Richard Wade, Partner, Blake Morgan
- 12.15 - 12.25 *Ensuring biodiversity net gain in new developments and priorities for species and landscape protection*
Jeanne Capey, Project Director, Environment Agency
- 12.25 - 12.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Rt Hon the Lord Adonis, former Chair, National Infrastructure Commission
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Social Policy Forum