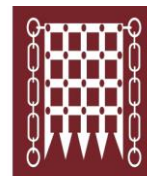


Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference
Improving transport connectivity between the nations of the UK - consensus and coordination, funding and infrastructure, and the *Union Connectivity Review*

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Rob Roberts MP, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Mersey Dee North Wales
- 9.05 **Designing UK-wide approaches to transport infrastructure development, and long-term planning from policymakers and industry to boost connectivity across the UK**
Bridget Rosewell, Commissioner, National Infrastructure Commission
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **What is needed from the Union Connectivity Review and its recommendations - nation-specific priorities for road, rail, maritime and aviation, and the scope for transport policy development that can serve needs across the UK**
Professor Mark Barry, Professor of Practice in Connectivity, School of Geography and Planning, Cardiff University
Gareth Williams, Head of Policy, Scottish Council for Development and Industry
Senior commentator, England
Senior commentator, Northern Ireland
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**
Rob Roberts MP, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Mersey Dee North Wales
- 10.30 Break
- 10.40 **Chair's opening remarks**
Wendy Chamberlain MP, Chief Whip and Spokesperson for Scotland, Wales and Work and Pensions, Liberal Democrats
- 10.45 **Physical implementation - intermodal connectivity and reliability, infrastructure modernisation, readying networks for low-carbon transport, and preparing for future transport demands and capacity pressures**
Richard Leonard, Head of Network Strategy and Development, Highways England
Justin Atkin, Representative - UK and Ireland, Port of Antwerp
Senior representative, consultancy
Senior representative, aviation
Senior representative, railway
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **The pathway for enhanced UK-wide transport connectivity - funding, key stakeholder engagement and collaboration, project leadership at a regional level, and improving internal trade, economies and wellbeing across the Nations**
Tim Foster, Interim Strategy and Programme Director, Transport for the North
Robbie Owen, Partner and Head of Infrastructure Planning and Government Affairs, Pinsent Masons
Liz Crowhurst, Head of Infrastructure, CBI
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Next steps for UK transport connectivity policy and establishing an environment for long-term cross-border cooperation**
Senior speaker to be announced
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Wendy Chamberlain MP, Chief Whip and Spokesperson for Scotland, Wales and Work and Pensions, Liberal Democrats
Jack Longman, Senior Researcher, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum