

**Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:
Developing major infrastructure projects across the UK - planning, investment, and
implementing the National Infrastructure Strategy**

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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 - 9.15 **Developing a long-term plan for national infrastructure, and assessing priorities for delivering the Infrastructure Strategy**
Senior representative, trade association
- 9.15 - 9.25 **Key issues for infrastructure modernisation and reaching net-zero emissions by 2050 - building climate resilience, low-carbon project delivery, and retaining cost effectiveness**
Senior representative, sustainability
- 9.25 - 9.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.40 - 10.20 **Assessing practical challenges for the National Infrastructure Strategy, and for preparing UK industry - delivery capability, setting guidance, and the role of key sectors**
Hannah Vickers, Chief Executive, Association for Consultancy and Engineering
Senior speaker confirmed from the **ICE**
Senior speaker confirmed from **Burges Salmon**
Senior representative, energy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 - 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.25 - 10.50 Coffee
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 - 11.55 **Priorities for reducing economic divides, levelling up UK regions, and developing connected infrastructure**
- Designing a planning system for efficient project delivery - clear guidance, accelerating approval processes, and leveraging local support and engagement*
Senior representative, planning
- Improving transport infrastructure capacity across the UK, and unlocking connectivity and economic development*
Senior representative, transport
- Long-term approaches to regional infrastructure development, and growing local capabilities in delivery*
Senior representative, combined authority
- Deploying UK digital infrastructure, improving business opportunities and services, and reducing barriers to rollout*
Nathan Marsh, Chief Digital Officer, Costain
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 - 12.30 **Next steps for funding infrastructure projects - innovation in finance models and ensuring projects are value for money**
Senior representative, financial institution
Senior representative, regulated asset base model
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Tying together UK infrastructure projects and delivering the infrastructure Strategy**
Stephen Dance, Director of Infrastructure Delivery, Infrastructure and Projects Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Jack Longman, Senior Researcher, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum