

**Westminster eForum policy conference:
Priorities and next steps for the UK drone industry**
Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 16th January 2024
Taking place online



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Henry Smith MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for The Future of Aviation
- 9.05 **Priorities for drone market development and commercialisation - a view from the sector**
Robert Garbett, Chief Executive, Drone Major Group
- 9.15 **'The Future Flight Challenge - successes so far and suggested next steps'**
Gary Cutts, Future Flight Challenge Director, UK Research and Innovation
- 9.25 **Enabling growth of the drone sector - use cases and consumer engagement, funding for research and development, investment, competition and new entrants, and prospects for airspace integration**
Anne-Lise Scailierez, Partner, The Drone Office; and Chief Executive Officer, ARPAS-UK
Simon Phippard, Partner, Counsel in Aviation and Aerospace Practice, Bird & Bird
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, SMEs
- 9.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.10 **International developments - key trends and markets, opportunities for collaboration, competitive frameworks, and what can be learned for UK regulation and industry practice**
Professor James Scanlan, Professor of Aerospace Design, University of Southampton
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**
Henry Smith MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for The Future of Aviation
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 **Next steps for drone regulation and safety**
Senior representative, regulation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Innovation, connectivity and opportunities for cross-sector collaboration**
Dave Pankhurst, Director of Drones, BT
- 11.30 **Supporting development of the UK drone sector - safety and security, infrastructure, collaborative options and frameworks for industry and UTM, building public trust, and guidance on policy and sector ambitions**
Richard Parker, Chief Executive Officer, Altitude Angel
Cllr Keith Artus, Chairman, Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group
Senior commentator
Senior representative, infrastructure
Senior representative, legal
- 11.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **Next steps for policy**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster eForum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster eForum