

Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

Next steps for HS2 - progress and key challenges for delivery

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 7th December 2023

Taking place online



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Shipley, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for City Regions Transport
- 9.05 **Developing HS2 in a changed policy landscape - priorities and next steps, and considerations for delivery and costs**
Andrew Meaney, Partner, Head of Transport, Oxera Consulting
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 Break
- 9.45 **Adapting HS2 plans to reflect its new scope - priorities for finance, supply chain and construction, examining legal issues of land use and ownership, and supporting a skilled workforce**
Kamaljeet Gill, Policy Officer, Public Services, Trades Union Congress
Dr Peter Woodward, Professor of High Speed Railways, University of Leeds
Rebecca Mushing, Associate, Wright Hassall
Chris Page, Chair, Railfuture
John Downer, Board Director, Railway Industry Association
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Shipley, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for City Regions Transport
- 10.50 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Blake of Leeds, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Infrastructure
- 11.10 **Assessing HS2 - examining concerns surrounding HS2 construction and issues of planning, affordability and delivery**
Jonny Mood, Director of Value for Money, National Audit Office
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 Break
- 11.55 **Next steps for implementation and tackling key issues - route planning, the Euston development, improving connectivity, budgeting and timelines, mitigating environmental losses, engaging with local communities, and contributions to levelling up**
Craig Bennett, Chief Executive Officer, The Wildlife Trusts
John Gladwin, Project Manager, HS2 Team, The Chiltern Society
Councillor Liz Clements, Cabinet Member for Transport, Birmingham City Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Baroness Blake of Leeds, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Infrastructure
Holly Attwell, Senior Researcher, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum