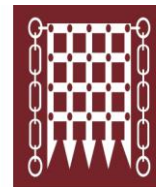


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Next steps for high streets and towns in the UK

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Key issues for high streets and towns, and latest policy developments**
Senior commentator
- 9.20 **Long-Term Plan for Towns - assessing proposals for restoring and redeveloping high streets and town centres**
supporting high street competitiveness | promoting community safety and identity | priorities for housing and supporting employment
Catherine Palmer, Director, Regeneration Delivery, Walker Sime
Ian Harvey, Founder, Civic Voice
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, housing
Senior representative, independent retailer
- 9.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.10 **Alternative approaches to town centre development and housing policy**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.40 Break
- 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 **Best practice and what can be learned from successful town development and regeneration initiatives**
Robert Lloyd Sweet, Senior Policy Advisor, Historic England
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Priorities and key issues for Town Boards**
Senior representative, Town Board
- 11.35 **Initiatives and strategies for addressing key challenges for town centre development**
transport and infrastructure | encouraging sustainable development | improving regional connectivity | economic regeneration
Senior academic
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, environment
Senior representative, transport
- 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for high streets and towns moving forward**
Jacob Young MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Social Policy Forum