

Westminster Business Forum policy conference
Next steps for UK construction -
modernisation, sustainability, COVID-19, and the Government's policy agenda
Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 3rd February 2021
*****Taking Place Online*****



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agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Developing the construction sector - COVID-19 recovery, the National Infrastructure Strategy, and the way forward for policy**
Nadhim Zahawi MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Business and Industry), BEIS
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 **Innovation and sustainability in delivering new homes**
Mark Farmer, Founding Director and Chief Executive Officer, Cast Consultancy and Champion, Modern Methods of Construction
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.45 Break
- 9.55 **The Planning White Paper and what it mean for the construction industry**
Victoria Hills, Chief Executive, Royal Town Planning Institute
Senior representative, construction firm
Senior representative, Environmental
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.30 Break
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Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.45 **Sustainability in construction - achieving zero carbon, modern methods of construction, and reducing the environmental impact**
Professor Sean Smith, Director, Institute for Sustainable Construction, Edinburgh University
David Pinder, CEO, Baxi Heating and Chair, Green Construction Board
David Adams, Technical Director, Melius Homes Limited
Sam Stacey, ISCF Challenge Director for Construction, Innovate UK
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 Break
- 11.40 **Developing the workforce - skills, apprenticeships and diversity**
Louise Aitken, Skills Lead, South East Local Enterprise Partnership
Maria Coulter, Owner, Construction Coach
Steve Radley, Director of Policy, CITB-Construction Skills
Senior representative, construction firm
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Following Brexit - supply chains, the workforce and standards**
James Butcher, Head of Policy & Research, National Federation of Builders
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Peter van Gelder, Director, Westminster Business Forum