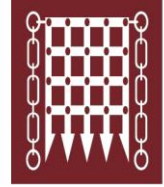


**Westminster Legal Policy Forum keynote seminar:
Next steps for leasehold reform in England and Wales**
Timing: Morning, Friday, 29th November 2024
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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Thornhill, Liberal Democrat Lords Spokesperson (Housing)
- 9.05 **Leasehold reform - the current legislative framework and proposals for reform**
Senior commentator
- 9.20 **Key issues for implementation of the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2024 and assessing the draft Leasehold and Commonhold Reform Bill**
examining key provisions in the Act | impact on new and existing leaseholders | priorities for stakeholders as the new Government takes forward the Law Commission's recommendations | leasehold enfranchisement, ground rents and forfeiture | key issues for landlords and future challenges in the leasehold and property market
Sebastian O'Kelly, Director, Leasehold Knowledge Partnership
Henry Griffith, Policy and Campaigns Officer, Propertymark
Anna Favre, Partner, Cripps
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Residential Freehold Association**
Senior representative, financial institution
- 9.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **'The Law Commission, leasehold reform and the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2024'**
Professor Nicholas Hopkins, Commissioner, Law Commission of England and Wales
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Thornhill, Liberal Democrat Lords Spokesperson (Housing)
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Chi Onwurah MP
- 11.05 **Dispute resolution in leasehold law - preparing for change**
Judge Siobhan McGrath, President, First Tier Tribunal (Property Chamber), Courts and Tribunals Judiciary
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Key issues and challenges in implementing commonhold**
establishing an effective legal and regulatory framework for commonhold | promoting public and professional awareness and understanding | mortgage lending risks and uncertainty | simplifying the transition from leasehold | conversion challenges and the potential impact of proposals to restrict the sale of leasehold flats | impact on property values | management and governance | market adoption
Karolina Zoltaniecka, CEO and Director, Commonhold Now
Beth Rudolf, Director of Delivery, Conveyancing Association
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, freehold
Senior representative, finance
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Leasehold reform policy going forward**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**
Chi Onwurah MP
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Legal Policy Forum