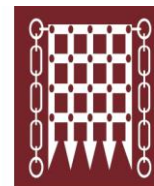


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Next steps for the planning system and the National Planning Policy Framework**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Mike Reader MP**
- 9.05 **The housebuilding market in England - the latest state of play**  
**Daniel Turnbull**, Senior Director, Markets, Competition and Markets Authority  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Assessing options for infrastructure planning and delivering more housing**  
*next steps for the provision of social and affordable housing | engagement between communities, local authorities, and industry stakeholders in planning processes | the New Towns initiative | concerns over low housebuilding turnout in recent years | impact on the wider housing market | support councils and housing associations | assessing considerations for public transport provision as communities expand | issues for design and sustainability*  
**Claire Petricca-Riding**, Partner, Irwin Mitchell  
**James Barwise**, Policy Advisor, Road Haulage Association  
**Catriona Riddell**, Chartered Town Planner; and Director, Catriona Riddell & Associates  
**Robin Callister**, Creative Director, Urbanist Architecture  
**Grant Butterworth**, Head, Planning, Leicester City Council  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Key considerations for developers in boosting housing delivery moving forward**  
Senior representative, developer  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Mike Reader MP**
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Baroness Pinnock of Cleckheaton**
- 11.10 **Navigating the intersection of planning, housing, and economic growth**  
**Professor Paul Cheshire**, Professor, Economic Geography, London School of Economics  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Streamlining planning processes and community priorities moving forward**  
*priorities for maintaining quality, oversight and fairness | addressing environmental and safety concerns in streamlining planning processes | ensuring the planning process aligns with local needs and aspirations | tackling barriers and producing incentives for SME developers | long-term funding strategies for planning authorities | impact on business operations, growth opportunities and local economic conditions*  
**Josh Male**, Senior Policy Advisor, Confederation of British Industry  
**Councillor Richard Clewer**, Leader, Wiltshire Council  
Senior representative, building safety  
Senior representative, community  
Senior representative, housing association  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **Policy priorities for the new government and assessing the revised National Planning Policy Framework**  
**Dr Michael Bingham**, Deputy Director, Planning Reform, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**  
**Baroness Pinnock of Cleckheaton**  
**Sean Cudmore**, Westminster Social Policy Forum