

**Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference**  
**Next steps for planning reform in England - delivering housing and infrastructure, zoning, and ensuring local engagement**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Priorities for planning reform and addressing long-standing pressures on delivering new homes**  
**Lord Best**, Member, Built Environment Committee  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Examining the direction of policy - the Planning Bill, ambitions in the Planning for the Future White Paper, and what is needed to protect social and economic priorities throughout reform**
- Planning reform and modernisation - what is needed to create a simplified system and reduce barriers to development*  
**Victoria Hills**, Chief Executive, Royal Town Planning Institute
- A new planning framework that supports sustainable economic growth - setting guidance on Growth Areas, use of local supply chains, and the future for environmental protections*  
**Philip Waddy**, Chair, Expert Advisory Group on Planning, RIBA and Managing Director, WWA
- Housing and community projects - the potential impact of a reformed planning system on decision-making, local involvement and the progress of development*  
**Laura Ambler**, Vice Chair, Sustainable Growth Board, ADEPT; and Head of Regional Housing and Planning at the West of England Combined Authority
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Liz Twist**, Member, Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee
- 10.50 **Accelerating housing and major infrastructure delivery - ensuring future reform dovetails with London's economic goals**  
**Lisa Fairmaner**, (Interim) Head, London Plan and Growth Strategies, Greater London Authority  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Key issues for reform implementation - zonal planning, design challenges, infrastructure levies, a traffic light system, local consultation, and the use of brownfield and greenbelt sites**  
**Councillor Lisa Mitchell**, Shadow Spokesperson on Environment and Housing, Southampton City Council  
**Paul Miner**, Head of Land Use and Planning, Campaign to Protect Rural England  
**Philip Barnes**, Group Land and Planning Director, Barratt Homes  
**Charles Collins**, Head of Planning Thought Leadership Group, Savills  
**Ben Castell**, Town Planning Lead, AECOM  
Senior representative, legal  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **The next steps for planning policy in England**  
Senior speaker to be announced  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**  
**Liz Twist**, Member, Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee  
**Michael Ryan**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum