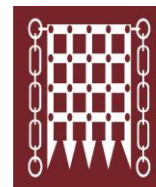


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The future of rail infrastructure in the UK - CP6, the Integrated Rail Plan, and delivering modernisation

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Angela Richardson MP, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on South Western Railway
- 9.05 **Long-term policy for UK rail infrastructure - ensuring that track and train can serve the needs of passengers, communities and industry into the future**
Jon Loveday, Director of Infrastructure, Enterprise and Growth, Infrastructure and Projects Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Next steps for expanding rail connectivity, supporting economic growth, and delivering the Integrated Rail Plan**
Progress on developing Northern Powerhouse Rail, major city connections, and mobilising regional delivery partners
Tim Wood, Director, Northern Powerhouse Rail, Transport for the North
Priorities for regional transport policy and addressing rail infrastructure deficiencies
James Heath, Chief Executive Officer, National Infrastructure Commission
The future of nationally integrated high-speed rail in the UK - levelling up the north through rail innovation and industry clustering
Professor Peter Woodward, Chair, High Speed Rail Engineering, University of Leeds
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Angela Richardson MP, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on South Western Railway
- 10.25 Break
- 10.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Berkeley, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Infrastructure
- 10.40 **Scaling up track infrastructure modernisation and rolling out improvements as part of CP6 – funding, supply chains, and enabling wider services**
Priorities for rail network infrastructure development and the policy to support its delivery
Kate Jennings, Policy Director, Railway Industry Association
Rail financial sustainability and effective engagement with public and private funding sources
Andrew Meaney, Partner, Oxera
Preparing the network to meet the challenges of increases in rail freight
Maggie Simpson, Director General, Rail Freight Group
Innovation, track modernisation and latest developments in engineering solutions
Susan Evans, Rail, Bridges and Structures Business Director, AECOM
- 11.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 Break
- 11.40 **Developing skills and domestic supply chains for infrastructure and rolling stock**
Neil Robertson, Chief Executive Officer, National Skills Academy for Rail
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 **Creating a rail network to serve tomorrow's passengers and restore user numbers - service frequency and reliability, safety and wellbeing, and rolling out smart system upgrades**
Mary Hewitt, Strategy & Policy Director, Arriva
Professor Andrew Smith, Professor of Transport Performance and Economics, University of Leeds
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **'The future of rail infrastructure in a changing rail landscape'**
John Larkinson, Chief Executive Officer, Office of Rail and Road
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Lord Berkeley, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Infrastructure
Jack Longman, Senior Researcher, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum