

Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

Next steps for Britain's rail network

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Catherine Atkinson MP, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Rail
- 9.05 **Next steps for establishing Great British Railways and key priorities moving forward**
Senior speaker confirmed from **Shadow Great British Railways**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **The Railways Bill - navigating a period of transition within the rail industry**
fostering collective responsibility | building a new culture within the rail sector | achieving a smooth transition to a unified arm's length body | mix of public and private sector TOCs | workforce retention and support | integrating track and train operations
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, train operator
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, workforce
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **Priorities for resilient and future-ready rail infrastructure and integration of track and train provisions under one body**
Senior representative, infrastructure
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Catherine Atkinson MP, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Rail
- 10.40 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 **Regulatory priorities for the rail industry moving forward - maintaining standards and ensuring fair access across the industry**
John Larkinson, Chief Executive, Office of Rail and Road
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.15 **Freight, open access and the future shape of Britain's rail industry**
safeguarding accountability | GBR's relationship with the Government | sector relationships and protecting the interests of stakeholders across the industry | supporting and growing rail freight | the future of open access | timetabling, capacity and ensuring fair access to operators outside of GBR | the future role of the private sector in the railway
Martijn Gilbert, Managing Director, First Rail Open Access (Lumo and Hull), First Group
Andrea Rossi, Chief Executive, DB Cargo
Rob Catherall, Head, Bus and Rail, Oxera
Senior representative, regionally devolved transport
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 **Priorities for future standards and performance in passenger services and operations**
ticketing reform | impact on performance and reliability | costs of fares | operating a nationalised passenger railway
Senior representative, operator of last resort
Senior representative, passengers
Senior representative, ticketing
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.35 **Policy priorities for Britain's rail network moving forward**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum