

Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference
Next steps for developing England's road network and the safe use of smart highways

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Policy priorities for road network development in England, and delivering long-term modernisation as part of RIS2**
Nick Harris, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Highways England
Questions and comments from the floor
- Break
- 9.35 **Next steps for optimising the Strategic Road Network (SRN) - delivering capacity expansion, overcoming barriers to development, and addressing safety issues around smart highways**
- Future-proofing the network for road users - assessing current and future pressures on road demand, and the scope for delivering tailored relief across English regions*
Senior representative, trade association
- Latest thinking on investment needs for RIS2 objectives, and ensuring funding supports key enhancement commitments by 2025*
Senior representative, investment
- Examining the use of smart highways, and what's needed for securing safety across the SRN - utilising better smart detection and signalling technology, and ensuring operator and regulator responsibilities are fit for purpose*
Senior representative, smart highways
- Overcoming Legal and planning barriers to road policy and project objectives*
Senior representative, legal
- 10.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.30 Break
- 10.40 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.45 **Priorities for physical road and infrastructure upgrades in England - boosting route connectivity, and overcoming barriers to build and construction time and costs**
Ben Foulser, Director, Infrastructure Advisory Practice and Infrastructure Advisory Future Mobility, KPMG
- 10.55 **Latest thinking on local and regional road development and expanding the Major Road Network - tackling regional divides in quality, increasing local government coordination, and growing regional supply chain partner engagement**
David Tucker, Chair, Transport Policy Unit, Federation of Small Businesses
Senior representative, freight
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, user group
Questions and comments from the floor with senior representative, infrastructure
- 11.35 **Meeting low-carbon commitments across the road network - electric vehicle readiness, scaling up active travel facilities, and growing intermodal capabilities for public transport**
Senior representative, catapult
Senior representative, electric vehicles
Senior representative, public transport
Senior representative, active travel
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **Monitoring progress on road network development and service improvements for road users, and enabling road modernisation to support economic recovery**
Feras Alshaker, Deputy Director, Highways, Office of Rail and Road
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum