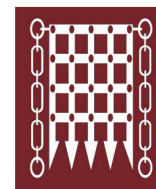


**Westminster Business Forum Keynote Seminar: Key issues for UK construction - growth, policy developments and the future of the sector's business model**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018

Venue: Congress Centre, 28 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS

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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Charles Brown**, Independent Arbitrator and Adjudicator
- 9.05 - 9.25 **The UK construction industry - key trends and priorities going forward**  
**Mark Farmer**, Founding Director and Chief Executive Officer, Cast Consultancy and Author, *The Farmer Review of the UK Construction Labour Model*  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 - 9.40 **Supporting effective infrastructure delivery - transforming infrastructure performance and opportunities for the future**  
**Huda As'ad**, Head of Performance, Infrastructure Delivery, Infrastructure & Projects Authority
- 9.40 - 10.40 **Developing the construction industry business model - payments, partnerships and procurement**  
*Following the House of Lords Science and Technology Committee report, how can the construction sector's business model be re-shaped to deliver on priorities of building more homes and developing major projects - particularly in developing greater trust, working partnerships and collaboration between clients, designers and contractors?*  
**Rod Stiles**, London Regional Director, BAM Construct UK  
**Sonali Parekh**, Head of Policy, Federation of Small Businesses  
**Professor Rudi Klein**, Chief Executive, Specialist Engineering Contractors' Group  
**John Slaughter**, Director of External Affairs, Home Builders Federation  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Huda Asad**, Head of Performance, Infrastructure & Projects Authority
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Charles Brown**, Independent Arbitrator and Adjudicator
- 10.45 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**The Earl of Lytton**
- 11.15 - 11.40 **Transforming the construction industry and next steps for the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund**  
**Sam Stacey**, Challenge Director, Transforming Construction, UK Research and Innovation  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 - 12.30 **Priorities for delivering growth and supporting innovation - the future for design, improving energy efficiency and meeting skills needs**  
*What steps can be taken by industry to support and implement the Government's Clean Growth Grand Challenge - including through innovation and smart technologies - to reduce energy use in new buildings? How can the latest innovations be developed and supported to deliver the production of smarter buildings - including in constructing buildings with greater whole-life energy efficiency? How can innovation - such as off-site construction and the use of digital technology in the design of buildings - be developed and supported to improve the design and construction, help to increase the speed of construction, and reduce production costs? How can the skills needs for the construction sector be met - including in re-training and retaining current workforce - as the sector develops to include a greater use of technology, innovation and off-site manufacturing?*  
**Alasdair Reisner**, Chief Executive, Civil Engineering Contractors Association  
**Simon Sturgis**, Managing Director, Targeting Zero  
**Tim Hall**, Executive Director, Buildoffsite  
**Louise Aitken**, Skills Lead, South East Local Enterprise Partnership  
**Steve Radley**, Policy Director, CITB  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Next steps for the Construction Sector Deal**  
**Fergus Harradence**, Deputy Director, Construction, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and Member, Construction Leadership Council  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**  
**The Earl of Lytton**  
**Roger Greer**, Associate Producer, Westminster Business Forum