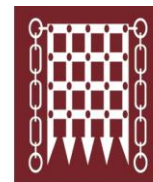


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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Modernising the planning system and latest thinking on the scope of planning reform in England**
Senior academic
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 Break
- 9.30 **Examining the Planning for the Future White Paper and how to address key challenges across the planning system**
- Effective streamlining of the planning process - simplification, accelerating consultation stages, and retaining safety for project approvals*
Richard Blyth, Head, Policy Practice and Research, Royal Town Planning Institute
- Turning ambitions for house building into action - supporting design innovation, targeted delivery in urban environments, and maintaining and enhancing build quality*
Senior representative, housing
- Providing certainty for stakeholders - legal practicalities for reforming planning systems and frameworks*
Richard Griffiths, Partner, Pinsent Masons
- Next steps for land use and management - balancing the needs of developers with natural conservation goals*
Senior representative, land management
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 **Linking planning reforms with wider policy objectives around levelling up and developing infrastructure**
Senior representative, infrastructure
- 11.00 **Latest thinking on the Environment Bill, environmental net gain across the planning process, and delivering sustainable housing**
Paul Miner, Head, Land Use and Planning, Campaign to Protect Rural England
Senior representative, think tank
Senior representative, design
- 11.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **A planning system that supports local projects and development across the country - designing local plans, bolstering supply chains, and meeting the needs of communities and businesses**
Patrick Clarke, Director, Masterplanning Lead, UK & Ireland, AECOM
Mike Derbyshire, Partner, Head of Planning, Bidwells
Guy Battle, CEO, Social Value Portal
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Government priorities for planning policy reform, and the scope for creating a development-led economic recovery in England**
Dr Michael Bingham, Interim Chief Planner, MHCLG
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Jack Longman, Senior Researcher, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum