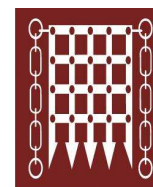


**Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum Keynote Seminar:
Priorities for regional airports - new routes, economic growth, and improving road
and rail connectivity**

Timing: Afternoon, Thursday, 12th April 2018

Venue: Renaissance Marriott, Blackfriars Street, Manchester M3 2EQ



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Agenda subject to change

- 13.00 - 13.30 Registration and coffee
- 13.30 - 13.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Councillor Bill Dixon, Leader, Darlington Borough Council and Chair, Transport Committee, Tees Valley Combined Authority
- 13.35 - 14.05 **Assessing future UK-wide aviation policy**
Ian Elston, Head of Airport Policy & Competition, Department for Transport
Questions and comments from the floor
- 14.05 - 14.15 **Priorities for airline route expansion outside London and linking to worldwide hub airports**
Neil Pakey, Chairman, RABA Group
- 14.15 - 14.25 **Increasing airport capacity and the opportunities for regional regeneration**
Philip Beer, Partner, Burges Salmon
- 14.25 - 14.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 14.45 - 14.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Councillor Bill Dixon, Leader, Darlington Borough Council and Chair, Transport Committee, Tees Valley Combined Authority
- 14.50 - 15.10 Coffee
- 15.10 - 15.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
David Sidebottom, Passenger Director, Transport Focus
- Airport-led regional economic growth: priorities for infrastructure, planning and engagement with businesses and communities**
- 15.15 - 15.25 **Simon Earles**, Planning and Sustainability Director, Bristol Airport
- 15.25 - 15.35 **Huw Rhys Lewis**, Managing Director, Urban Growth Company
- 15.35 - 15.45 **Edel Christie**, Managing Director, Buildings, Arcadis
- 15.45 - 15.55 **Graham Botham**, Strategy & Planning Director for the North, Network Rail
- 15.55 - 16.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 16.15 - 16.25 **Case study: next steps for development of regionally-focused transport plans**
Councillor Liam Robinson, Chair, Transport Committee, Merseytravel and Transport Portfolio Holder, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority
- 16.25 - 16.40 **Case study: development opportunities for regional airports**
Adam Jupp, Head of External Affairs, Manchester Airport Group
- 16.40 - 16.55 Questions and comments from the floor with **Councillor Liam Robinson**, Chair, Transport Committee, Merseytravel and Transport Portfolio Holder, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority
- 16.55 - 17.00 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
David Sidebottom, Passenger Director, Transport Focus
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum