

Westminster Business Forum policy conference
Next steps for UK construction - modernisation, sustainability, COVID-19, and the Government's policy agenda

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 3rd February 2021

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remark**
Professor Sean Smith, Director, Institute for Sustainable Construction, Edinburgh University
- 9.05 **Developing the construction sector - COVID-19 recovery, the National Infrastructure Strategy, and the way forward for policy**
Fergus Harradence, Deputy Director for Construction, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 **Innovation and sustainability in delivering new homes**
Mark Farmer, Founding Director and Chief Executive Officer, Cast Consultancy and Champion, Modern Methods of Construction
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.45 Break
- 9.55 **The Planning White Paper and what it means for the construction industry**
Victoria Hills, Chief Executive, Royal Town Planning Institute
Rod Stiles, London Regional Director, BAM Construction
Ian Fletcher, Director of Policy, British Property Federation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**
Professor Sean Smith, Director, Institute for Sustainable Construction, Edinburgh University
- 10.30 Break
- 10.40 **Chair's opening remarks**
Craig Williams MP, Vice Chair, All Party Parliamentary Group for Energy Security
- 10.45 **Sustainability and productivity - reducing environmental impact. the route to net-zero, and next steps for modern methods of construction**
Professor Sean Smith, Director, Institute for Sustainable Construction, Edinburgh University
David Pinder, Chairman, Mixergy and Chair, Green Construction Board
David Adams, Technical Director, Melius Homes
Sam Stacey, ISCF Challenge Director for Construction, Innovate UK
Jo Gilroy, Group Head of Sustainability and Environment, Kier Group
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 Break
- 11.40 **Workforce priorities - skills, apprenticeships, diversity and managing shortages**
Louise Aitken, Skills Lead, South East Local Enterprise Partnership
Maria Coulter, Owner, Construction Coach
Ian Woodcroft, Policy and Government Relations Manager, CITB
Councillor Nicolas Heslop, Leader, Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Following transition from the EU - supply chains, the workforce and standards**
James Butcher, Head of Policy & Research, National Federation of Builders
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
Craig Williams MP, Vice Chair, All Party Parliamentary Group for Energy Security
Peter van Gelder, Director, Westminster Business Forum