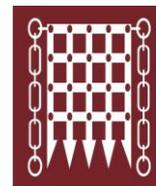


**Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference**  
**The future of rail infrastructure in the UK - CP6, the Integrated Rail Plan, and delivering modernisation**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Angela Richardson MP**, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on South Western Railway
- 9.05 **Long-term policy for UK rail infrastructure - ensuring that track and train can serve the needs of passengers, communities and industry into the future**  
**Jon Loveday**, Director of Infrastructure, Enterprise and Growth, Infrastructure and Projects Authority  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Next steps for expanding rail connectivity, supporting economic growth, and delivering the Integrated Rail Plan**  
*Progress on developing Northern Powerhouse Rail, major city connections, and mobilising regional delivery partners*  
**Tim Wood**, Director, Northern Powerhouse Rail, Transport for the North  
*Priorities for regional transport policy and addressing rail infrastructure deficiencies*  
**James Heath**, Chief Executive Officer, National Infrastructure Commission  
*The future of nationally integrated high-speed rail in the UK - levelling up the north through rail innovation and industry clustering*  
**Professor Peter Woodward**, Chair, High Speed Rail Engineering, University of Leeds
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Angela Richardson MP**, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on South Western Railway
- 10.25 Break
- 10.35 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Lord Berkeley**, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Infrastructure
- 10.40 **Scaling up track infrastructure modernisation and rolling out improvements as part of CP6 – funding, supply chains, and enabling wider services**  
*Priorities for rail network infrastructure development and the policy to support its delivery*  
**Kate Jennings**, Policy Director, Railway Industry Association  
*Rail financial sustainability and effective engagement with public and private funding sources*  
**Andrew Meaney**, Partner, Oxera  
*Preparing the network to meet the challenges of increases in rail freight*  
**Maggie Simpson**, Director General, Rail Freight Group  
*Innovation, track modernisation and latest developments in engineering solutions*  
**Susan Evans**, Rail, Bridges and Structures Business Director, AECOM
- 11.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 Break
- 11.40 **Developing skills and domestic supply chains for infrastructure and rolling stock**  
**Neil Robertson**, Chief Executive Officer, National Skills Academy for Rail  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 **Creating a rail network to serve tomorrow's passengers and restore user numbers - service frequency and reliability, safety and wellbeing, and rolling out smart system upgrades**  
**Mary Hewitt**, Strategy & Policy Director, Arriva  
**Professor Andrew Smith**, Professor of Transport Performance and Economics, University of Leeds  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **'The future of rail infrastructure in a changing rail landscape'**  
**John Larkinson**, Chief Executive Officer, Office of Rail and Road  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**  
**Lord Berkeley**, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Infrastructure  
**Jack Longman**, Senior Researcher, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum