

**Westminster Business Forum policy conference:
Next steps for UK space policy, regulation and sector development**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 25th September 2025

*****Taking Place Online*****



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Catherine Ashton, Chair, UK Engagement with Space Committee
- 9.05 **Assessing the UK's position in the global space industry**
Professor Christopher Newman, Professor, Space Law and Policy, Northumbria University
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Priorities for unlocking growth in the UK space sector - the Spending Review, the Industrial Strategy and Advanced Manufacturing Sector Plan**
use of funding and practical considerations for meeting policy ambitions / driving growth and the targeting of specific capabilities / strategic approaches for achieving export aims by 2030 / access to finance and the operation of the Private Investment Framework for Space / application and development of the C-LEO programme / support for investment readiness through the Business Pathway programme / support for early-stage businesses and SMEs / long-term environmental sustainability / Catapult-led collaboration and regional growth / implications of government response to UKSA consultation on orbital liability and sustainability / economic impact in the nations and regions
Neil Rae, Head, UK Space, KPMG
Mark Boggett, Chief Executive, Seraphim Capital
Jen Hartley, Assistant Director, Capital Investment and Growth, Newcastle City Council
Nik Smith, Regional Director, UK and Europe, Lockheed Martin Space
Senior representative, legal
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Opportunities for joint innovation in satellite constellations - driving development in Advanced Connectivity Technologies**
Laurent Jaffart, Director, Connectivity and Secure Communications, European Space Agency
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Catherine Ashton, Chair, UK Engagement with Space Committee
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 **Key considerations for meeting spectrum demands of the UK space industry**
David Willis, Group Director, Spectrum, Ofcom
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **Way forward for developing the UK's launch capabilities**
Senior representative, spaceport
- 11.45 **Next steps for scaling industrialisation of space technologies - supply chain, talent, and competition**
priorities for accelerating commercialisation and supply chain resilience / developing the regulatory environment to support innovation / support for ISAM / use of the Space Regulatory Sandbox to support innovation / developing dual-use satellite technologies / unlocking commercial, defence, and national security benefits / testing and regulatory oversight of in-orbit activities / promoting diversity and competition in the supply chain
Joseph Dudley, Director, Space Skills Alliance
Phil Buckley, Digital Director, The PSC
Sharon Parker-Lines, Deputy Managing Director, Astroscale Ltd
Katherine Courtney, Chair, Global Network on Sustainability in Space
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for the UK space sector**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Thomas Howard, Westminster Business Forum