

**Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:
Next steps for tackling flooding - risk mitigation and resilience in England**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 21st January 2025

Taking Place Online



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness McIntosh
- 9.05 **Developments and key considerations for the future of policy on flood risk resilience in England**
Professor Ivan Haigh, Professor, Coastal Oceanography, University of Southampton
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Planning and Infrastructure Bill - priorities for infrastructure projects in flood prevention**
Senior representative, planning
- 9.40 **Next steps for building flood resilience measures and investment**
assessing the direction of government policy and priorities going forward | expectations for the Floods Resilience Taskforce | funding policy proposals and setting the strategic direction of investment in flood resilience measures | addressing the detrimental impact of new developments and unmanaged growth in impermeable surfaces | mitigating risks posed by surface water flooding | engaging with communities and incorporating place-based approaches | priorities for infrastructure innovation and building resilience into infrastructure and flood defences
Councillor Paul Redgate, Deputy Leader, South Holland District Council
Innes Thompson, Chief Executive, Association of Drainage Authorities
Senior representative, housing
Senior representative, highways
Senior representative, legal
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness McIntosh
- 10.30 Break
- 10.40 **Chair's opening remarks**
Sarah Edwards MP
- 10.45 **Implementation of National Flood Risk Assessment 2 and the future of flood risk management**
Julie Foley, Director, Flood Risk Strategy and National Adaptation, Environment Agency
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.10 **Developing the strategic direction for addressing the risks posed by flooding**
Edmund Beard, Assistant Policy Director, National Infrastructure Commission
- 11.20 **'The potential fiscal costs of flooding and climate change'**
Tom Josephs, Fiscal Member, Budget Responsibility Committee, Office for Budget Responsibility
- 11.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Next steps for anticipating flood risks and adapting to changing weather patterns**
flood risk mapping | using local information | impacts of climate change | achieving longer-term planning in flood risk management | priorities and strategic options for adaptation to the changing climate and weather patterns | next steps beyond the Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy | latest developments in technology, the use of AI and the role of nature-based solutions
Dermot Kehoe, Communications and Transition Director, Flood Re
Mike Smith, Deputy Director, Water for Nature, Natural England
Zoe Moore, Environmental Policy Advisor, Flood Management, National Farmers' Union
Tracey Garrett, CEO, National flood Forum
Senior representative, innovation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Long-term policy priorities for managing and mitigating flood risk**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Sarah Edwards MP
Jordan Nugara, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum