

**Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:**

**Next steps for the UK freight industry**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing landscape for the UK freight sector, and key considerations for development and implementation of policy**  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Key issues for the freight industry**  
*priorities for policy and GBR | relationships between government and the industry | the future shape of the industry | opportunities for cross-sector collaboration | decarbonisation | cross-modal coordination*  
Senior representative, industry
- 9.40 **Sector priorities for the future of the UK freight**  
*key considerations for the new Government and implications of policy proposals for key stakeholders | supporting growth and capacity | the potential impact of planning reform | infrastructure priorities and frameworks for strategic coordination of planning and transport policy | the future for roles and relationships within the industry | mitigating the impact of policy changes | skills and workforce development | growing trade | opportunities for public-private sector partnerships*  
Senior representative, delivery  
Senior representative, planning  
Senior representative, infrastructure  
Senior representative, legal  
Senior representative, business
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.30 Break
- 10.40 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- Shaping UK freight for the future - modal shift, coordination and the roles of key sectors**
- 10.45 **'Freight Britain: ambition, opportunity and challenges'**  
**Will Godfrey**, Director, Economics, Finance and Markets, Office of Rail and Road
- 10.55 **Priorities for Great British Railways and its impact on the UK freight sector**  
Senior representative, public body
- 11.05 **The role of road freight going forward**  
Senior representative, road haulage
- 11.15 **Improving inter-modal co-ordination between industry partners**  
Senior representative, maritime
- 11.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Decarbonisation: policy and practical considerations for transition across the UK freight sector**  
*achieving a fair transition for the industry and its customers | key considerations and challenges for specific sectors | tailoring support | regulation and incentives | coordination opportunities and frameworks | priorities for research and innovation | commercialising clean technologies*  
Senior representative, advisory  
Senior representative, energy  
Senior representative, finance  
Senior representative, innovation  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for policy for growing the UK freight sector**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Sean Cudmore**, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum