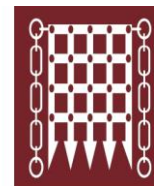


**Westminster Social Policy Forum keynote seminar:
Next steps for the planning system and the National Planning Policy Framework**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 17th December 2024

Taking place online



**WESTMINSTER
SOCIAL POLICY
FORUM**

Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Mike Reader MP
- 9.05 **The housebuilding market in England - the latest state of play**
Daniel Turnbull, Senior Director, Markets, Competition and Markets Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Assessing options for infrastructure planning and delivering more housing**
next steps for the provision of social and affordable housing | engagement between communities, local authorities, and industry stakeholders in planning processes | the New Towns initiative | concerns over low housebuilding turnout in recent years | impact on the wider housing market | support councils and housing associations | assessing considerations for public transport provision as communities expand | issues for design and sustainability
Claire Petricca-Riding, Partner, Irwin Mitchell
James Barwise, Policy Advisor, Road Haulage Association
Catriona Riddell, Chartered Town Planner; and Director, Catriona Riddell & Associates
Robin Callister, Creative Director, Urbanist Architecture
Grant Butterworth, Head, Planning, Leicester City Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Key considerations for developers in boosting housing delivery moving forward**
Greg Hill, Deputy Chief Executive, Hill
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Mike Reader MP
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Pinnock of Cleckheaton
- 11.10 **Navigating the intersection of planning, housing, and economic growth**
Professor Paul Cheshire, Professor, Economic Geography, London School of Economics
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Streamlining planning processes and community priorities moving forward**
priorities for maintaining quality, oversight and fairness | addressing environmental and safety concerns in streamlining planning processes | ensuring the planning process aligns with local needs and aspirations | tackling barriers and producing incentives for SME developers | long-term funding strategies for planning authorities | impact on business operations, growth opportunities and local economic conditions
Josh Male, Senior Policy Advisor, Confederation of British Industry
Councillor Richard Clewer, Leader, Wiltshire Council
Peter Bowe, Director, Safety Case Partnership
Senior representative, community
Senior representative, housing association
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **Policy priorities for the new government and assessing the revised National Planning Policy Framework**
Dr Michael Bingham, Deputy Director, Planning Reform, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Baroness Pinnock of Cleckheaton
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Social Policy Forum