Policy Forum for Wales keynote seminar
The future for planning policy in Wales - the proposed strategy, supporting clean economic growth, and serving the changing needs of work and communities
Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 6th July 2021
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8.30 Registration

9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Mabon ap Gwynfor MS

9.05 **Priorities and key issues for implementing the National Plan 2040, and for a planning framework that can support growth and development in Wales**
Dr Roisin Willmott, Director of Wales and Northern Ireland, Royal Town and Planning Institute (RTPI)
Questions and comments from the floor

9.30 Break

9.35 **Spatial planning in Wales in the wake of the pandemic - upgrading infrastructure, boosting productivity, driving employment, and supporting the economic recovery of town and city centres**
Gareth Elliott, Head of Policy and Communications, Mobile UK
Stephanie Irvine, Senior Planner, Lichfields
Ron Beattie, Managing Director, Beattie Passive Build System
Andrew Goodacre, Chief Executive, British Independent Retailers Association (BIRA)
Councillor Caro Wild, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Transport, Cardiff Council
Questions and comments from the floor

10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**
Mabon ap Gwynfor MS

10.30 Break

10.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Ruth Jones MP, Shadow Minister for the Natural Environment and Air Quality and Member, Welsh Affairs Committee

10.40 **The impact of planning developments on biodiversity and the environment**
Keith Davies, Sustainable Places Land and Sea Manager, Natural Resources Wales

10.50 **Aligning development and planning with net-zero goals - decarbonisation, public transportation and building sustainably**
John Davies, President, NFU Cymru
David Jones, Stakeholder Director UK, Simply Blue Energy
Sarah Featherstone, Architect and co-Director, Featherstone Young, and Team Member, Velocity
Natalie Rees, Sustainable Development Manager, Transport for Wales

11.10 Questions and comments from the floor

11.35 Break

11.40 **Serving local communities into the future - ensuring accessibility to key services and preparing for the impact of potential changes to needs, habits and working practices**
Professor Alan Felstead, Research Professor, School of Social Sciences, Cardiff University
Jen Heal, Design Advisor, Design Commission for Wales
Chris Sutton, Director, Sutton Consulting, and past Chair, CBI Wales
Chris Johnes, Chief Executive, Building Communities Trust
Councillor Alyson Pugh, Cabinet Member - Supporting Communities, Swansea Council
Questions and comments from the floor

12.30 **Establishing the new planning inspectorate - ensuring a smooth transition and meeting the needs of communities in Wales**
Tony Thickett, Head, Planning Inspectorate Wales
Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Ruth Jones MP, Shadow Minister for the Natural Environment and Air Quality and Member, Welsh Affairs Committee
Helen Crocker, Forum Lead, Policy Forum for Wales