

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

### Next steps for the UK freight and logistics sector

Timing: Morning, Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Will Godfrey**, Director, Economics, Finance and Markets, Office of Rail and Road
- 9.05 **Assessing the landscape for the UK freight sector and key considerations for development and implementation of policy**  
**Professor Phillip Greening**, Director, Centre for Sustainable Road Freight and Centre for Logistics and Sustainability, Heriot-Watt University  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Key issues for the freight industry**  
**Jonathan Walker**, Head, Infrastructure and Planning Policy, Logistics UK
- 9.40 **Sector priorities for the future of UK freight**  
*key considerations for the new Government | implications of policy proposals for key stakeholders | supporting growth and capacity | the potential impact of planning reform | infrastructure priorities | 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 | relationship between SMEs and international transport companies | impact of AI on warehousing and the wider logistics sector*  
**Jason Smallwood**, Technical Director, Freight Transport, WSP  
**Richard Leonard**, Director, Network Planning, National Highways  
**Tammy Samuel**, Partner and Co-Head, Rail, Stephenson Harwood  
**Stewart Beaton**, Senior NEC Representative, Logistics, Community Union  
**Roberta Mugellesi Dow**, Business Applications Manager, European Space Agency
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Will Godfrey**, Director, Economics, Finance and Markets, Office of Rail and Road
- 10.30 Break
- 10.40 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Laura Marquis**, Deputy Director, Logistics and Supply Chain Policy Division, Logistics and Borders Directorate, Department for Transport  
**Shaping UK freight for the future - modal shift, coordination and the roles of key sectors**
- 10.45 **'Rail freight: 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**  
**Richard Moody**, Programme Director, Freight Reform, Great British Railways Transition Team
- 11.05 **'The challenges of decarbonising UK road freight'**  
**Nick Graham**, Head of External Networks, Eddie Stobart
- 11.15 **Improving inter-modal co-ordination between industry partners**  
**John Bailey**, Managing Director, Intermodal, Maritime Transport
- 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*  
**Simon Cordery**, Senior Property and Commercial Manager, Places for London  
**Malini Bose**, Associate Director, Infrastructure and Future Mobility, KPMG  
**Tim Lawrence**, Director, Digital Supply Chain, Digital Catapult  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for policy for growing the UK freight sector**  
**Laura Marquis**, Deputy Director, Logistics and Supply Chain Policy Division, Logistics and Borders Directorate, Department for Transport  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**  
**Jordan Nugara**, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum