

**Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:  
Beyond 'smart cities' - next steps for connected places policy and implementation in the UK**

*Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023*

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*Agenda subject to change*

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Dr Michaela Nelson**, Head of Future Telecoms and Digital Connectivity, Department for Transport
- 9.05 **Examining latest developments in the evolution of connected places - what will be needed to achieve ambitions for benefits to society, the environment, and the economy**  
**Sam Markey**, Ecosystems Director, Place Leadership, Connected Places Catapult  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Connected places across different geographies - delivery across rural and urban contexts, and developing a people-centred approach**  
**Kerry Booth**, Chief Executive, Rural Services Network  
**Stephen Jones**, Director, Core Cities UK  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.00 **Assessing the opportunities and challenges - enhancing climate action, strengthening communities, the capacity to address inequalities and support vulnerable people, and integrating health and wellbeing**  
**Cassie Sutherland**, Managing Director, Climate Solutions and Networks, C40 Cities  
**Clare Sheffield**, Director of Transport Planning, UKIMEA Cities Planning and Design, Arup  
**Dr Emma Stone**, Director of Evidence and Engagement, Good Things Foundation  
**Dr Henry Chan**, Associate Director, Buro Happold  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 Break
- 11.10 **Innovative use of data in connected places - transport, public health and safety, and the environment**  
**Jenny Millard**, Associate Director, KPMG
- 11.20 **Digital infrastructure - government strategy, data and cyber security, procurement and service delivery, standards and interoperability, coordination across sectors and regions, and addressing privacy concerns**  
**Stephen Douglas**, Head of Market Strategy, Spirent Communications; and Working Group Advisory Member, UKTIN  
**Sophie James**, Head of Telecoms & Spectrum Policy, techUK  
**Nick Wiggin**, Head of Partnerships, Freshwave  
**Dr Igor Calzada**, Principal Investigator and Research Fellow Ikerbasque, University of the Basque Country, and Cardiff University  
**Raj Mack**, Head of Digital City and Innovation, Birmingham City Council
- 11.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Next steps for connected places policy and implementation**  
**Holly Creek**, Acting Director, Digital Infrastructure, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**  
**Dr Michaela Nelson**, Head of Future Telecoms and Digital Connectivity, Department for Transport  
**Holly Attwell**, Senior Researcher, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum