

East of England NSIPs Centre of Excellence Conference

15 March 2023, The Apex, Bury St Edmunds

AGENDA

| Time | Session |
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| 09:30 | Registration and refreshments |
| 10:00 | Welcome address and Centre of Excellence overview Cllr Richard Rout, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and the Environment, Suffolk County Council and Andrew Cook, Executive Director for Growth, Highways and Infrastructure, Suffolk County Council |
| 10:15 | Keynote speaker 1: Policy Updates on NSIP Work and National Policy Statements (NPS) Kate Johnson, Legislation and NPS Lead, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities |
| 10.35 | Keynote speaker 2: NIPA Research on Post-Decision Implementation Hannah Hickman, Associate Professor, University of the West of England |
| 10:55 | Question and answer session with keynote speakers |
| 11:10 | Refreshments |
| 11:30 | Maximising positive outcomes for the local community – a legal perspective Jamie Childs, Director, Howes Percival |
| 11:45 | Maximising the skills and employment benefits from an NSIP Paul Warmington, Manager, Agilia Infrastructure Partners |
| 12:00 | Developing community benefits with local communities - lessons learnt Dr Catrin Jones, Head of Stakeholder and Community Engagement for Offshore Wind, Vattenfall |
| 12:15 | Question and answer session with morning speakers |
| 12:30 | Lunch |
| 13:15 | Panel discussion: Cost recovery and resource planning Chaired by Michael Moll, Programme Director for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs), Suffolk County Council Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emyr Thomas, Partner and Parliamentary Agent, Sharpe Pritchard LLP • Isaac Nunn, Senior Planning Officer (NSIPs), Suffolk County Council • Emma Fitch, Assistant Director Planning, Growth & Environment, Cambridgeshire County Council <p>With an opportunity for participants to ask questions</p> |

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| 13:55 | <p>Good practice of engagement in NSIPs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Bedford KC, Barrister, Cornerstone Barristers • Ian Fletcher, DCO Lead, Jacobs • Charlotte Rushmere, Principal Planning Officer – National Infrastructure, Essex County Council <p>Followed by a question and answer session</p> |
| 14:55 | <p>Closing remarks Andrew Cook, Executive Director for Growth, Highways and Infrastructure, Suffolk County Council</p> |
| 15:00 | Refreshment break |
| 15:15 | Networking session (optional) |
| 16:30 | Close |