

Surrey Development Forum

Conference Agenda: 14 November 2023

Delivering Change in Challenging Times

09:00-09:30 - Coffees and pastries

09:35-09:40 - Conference Opens – Welcome by John Tarvit, Chair of Surrey Development Forum and Director of Planning at Wates Developments

09:40-10:00 - Keynote speech with Baroness Taylor of Stevenage

10:00-10:50 - Panel 1: Delivering in an era of Climate Change

In a time where the impacts of Climate Change can no longer be ignored, how does this affect planning and development in Surrey. Planning can provide lasting resilience to the impacts of climate change. It can implement local measures such as sustainable drainage and well-designed development. Planning must also consider how these issues play out over the lifespan of development (usually a minimum of 100 years) and to consider future climate impacts.

- a. Chair: Duncan Flynn, Cratus
- a. Timothy Crawshaw, Director of Planning and Placemaking, Surrey County Council
- b. Mike Axon, Global Director of Transport, SLR Consulting
- b. Lucy Wood, Environmental Planning Director & Climate Solutions Leader UK&I, Stantec

10:50-11:10 - Creating Social Value, Wesley Ankrah, Director, Social Value, Savills

11:10-11:25 - Refreshment Break

11:25-12:15 - Panel 2: Economic Development in Surrey

Local plans across Surrey, and further afield, have focussed on the delivery of new homes, community facilities and open spaces. In some instances that focus has come to the detriment of consideration of commercial and employment spaces. This panel is the opportunity to discuss how we ensure that commercial needs are properly considered alongside homes, so that local businesses can thrive and find the spaces they need, we provide space for an expanding distribution network, and we create the balanced facilities and infrastructure that form the basis of sustainable communities.

The challenge for the panel is: How can we deliver economic development in a land constrained Surrey?

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- a. *Chair: Catriona Riddell, Director, Catriona Riddell & Associates Ltd*
- b. *Cllr Matt Furniss, Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Economic Growth, Surrey County Council, Guildford Borough Councillor*
- c. *Tim Burden, Director, Planning, Head of Expert Witness, Turley*
- d. *Ed Pigott, Associate Planning Director at Newlands Property Developments LLP*

12:15-13:00 – Lunch – sponsored by Mayer Brown

13:00-13:50 - Development Politics in Surrey - In conversation with Cllr Hannah Dalton, Chair of the Surrey Leaders Group, Leader of Epsom and Ewell BC, and Julian Seymour, Cratus

Cllr Dalton will speak about the challenges faced by local authorities in delivering homes and infrastructure in a politically uncertain world, the pressures on councils to deliver, and what developers of all types can do to work more collaboratively with councils to create positive relationships and get the best possible outcome

13:50 - 14:30 - Manifesto 2024 Workshop with a foreword from Surrey Youth Cabinet

What do developers, planners and local authorities need from government to help meet the county's needs up to 2050? This workshop will bring together views from members and attendees on their key asks from the major political parties across Surrey while they draft their manifestos for the upcoming General Election. The Surrey Development Forum will draft a letter based on these priorities for approval at our December 2023 meeting.

14:30 – 14:50 - Refreshment Break

14:50 – 15:10 - Working together to deliver an effective housing strategy - Cllr Sinead Mooney, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Surrey County Council, Spelthorne Borough Councillor

15:10-16:00 - Panel 3: Utility Results – Delivering effective utility infrastructure in Surrey

Focus on information sharing to aid cost-effective and less disruptive utility infrastructure development. Will also look at the existing infrastructure's capacity to support planned future developments.

- a. *Chair Sarah McKee, Director, Communications and Public Affairs, Cratus Group*
- b. *Scott Goodwin, Founding Partner, Utility Results*
- c. *Antoinette Antoine, Director of Infrastructure and Major Projects, Surrey County Council*
- d. *Jaime Carroll, Manager, Local Government BT Group*
- e. *James Cooper, Head of Connections Projects, UK Power Networks*

16:00 - 16:20 - Five key areas of change for Surrey housing in 2024 - Rupert Warren KC, Head of Planning Law Group, Landmark Chambers

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Rupert Warren KC, Head of Landmark Chambers' market-leading Planning Group, looks forward to some of the most important shifts in the landscape in the year ahead, focussing on the delivery of housing, infrastructure and jobs

16:20 – 16:40 - Close of Formal Conference, Reflections from the Chair, Cratus and Savills

16:40 – 18:00 - Drinks Reception sponsored by Savills

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