Rail Infrastructure: Challenges & Opportunities

10th September 2026, REACH, Riverside Ct, Derby DE24 8HY

Agenda

Arrival & Registration – 9am
Session 1 – 9.30am – 11.00am
Welcome **Laura May, Event Host – Rail Forum**
Roll Call 1 & Partners Hosted by **Dave Ellis – Rail Forum**
Delivering confidence and growth for the North **Joanne Griffiths, Programme Director – TransPennine Route Upgrade**
Project update, market engagement & the future **Kayleigh Spires, Major Programme Director – East West Rail** **David Bray, Executive Delivery Director – East West Rail**
Partnering for progress **Tracey Williamson, Group Commercial & Procurement Director – Network Rail**
The journey towards GBR West Midlands **Denise Wetton, Managing Director, GBR West Midlands – Network Rail/WM Trains**
Speakers Q&A
Coffee Break – 11am
Session 2 – 11.30am – 12.30pm
Roll Call 2 Hosted by **Cat Appleby – Rail Forum**
Elizabeth Line: four years of a digital railway **Lee Richards, Head of Maintenance & Renewals – Transport for London**

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Maria Seco, Infrastructure Maintenance Engineering Manager – Transport for London
Transport for Wales **Dan Tipper, Chief Infrastructure Officer – Transport for Wales**
Western Route: reducing risk, protecting people **Dan Collins, Infrastructure Maintenance Delivery Manager – Network Rail** **Steven Lawrence, Network Delivery Manager – GWR**
Speaker Q&A
Roll Call 3 Hosted by **Claire Morris – Rail Forum**
Networking Lunch – 12.30pm
Session 3 – 1.30pm – 3.30pm
HS2: programme opportunities and progress **Sam Costello, Commercial Director – HS2**
HS2 Stations: critical public interface **Alex Sullivan, Engineering Director – HS2**
Learning in practice for nature restoration: HS2 and other major projects **Zebrina Hanly, Environmental Sustainability Director – BAM**
How the HS2 Accelerator helps with the build **Ben Wagenaar, Senior Innovations Manager – HS2** **Harry Yates, CEO – BuildPrompt**
Speaker Q&A
HS2 Supply Chain Engagement and Networking Session
Event Close – 3.30pm

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