

NSIP Centre of Excellence Conference
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Draft Agenda

Time	Session
09:00	Registration, refreshments and networking
09:45	Welcome Address Rob Hancock, Assistant Director, Planning, Housing and Economic Growth, Suffolk County Council
09:50	Influence, Insight, Impact: Opportunities for local authorities in major infrastructure Jan Bessell, RTPI President and Strategic Planning Adviser, Pinsent Masons
10:10	Implementation of NSIP Reform/Indicative timelines/impact on Local Authority officers Anna Payne and Aimee Smith, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG)
10:25	DESNZ's new Post Consent Unit under the Nuclear Regulatory Review David Wagstaff OBE, Deputy Director, Energy Infrastructure Planning Delivery, Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ)
10:40	Panel Discussion: Future of NSIP Regime Chaired by Rob Hancock, Assistant Director, Planning, Housing and Economic Growth, Suffolk County Council Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jamie Childs, Planning Solicitor and Partner, Howes Percival • David Wagstaff, Deputy Director of Energy Infrastructure Planning Delivery, Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) • Isaac Nunn, NSIP Team Leader, Norfolk County Council
11:25	Refreshments and networking
11:55	Open Discussion on Cost Recovery and System Improvements Led by National Infrastructure Planning Association (NIPA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt Fox, Legal Director, Pinsent Masons LLP • Joanna Camille-St.Marie, Lawyer, National Grid

13:00	Lunch and networking
14:00	Legal Update on NSIPs Emyr Thomas, Partner and Parliamentary Agent, Sharpe Pritchard LLP
14:20	Experience of a Local Authority Engaging with a Reservoir Scheme George Gurney, Principal Strategic Planner (NSIPs), Oxfordshire County Council
14:35	Importance of Quality of Communications and Leadership in Delivering NSIPs Philippa Garden, Senior Associate Director, Jacobs
14:50	Sizewell C: Local Authority lessons from first 2 years of construction Michael Moll, Head of Programmes and PMO, Suffolk County Council and Martyn Fulcher, Head of Energy Planning and Coastal Management, East Suffolk Council
15:10	Closing Remarks Rob Hancock, Assistant Director, Planning, Housing and Economic Growth, Suffolk County Council
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