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**East of England NSIPs Centre of Excellence Conference**

15 March 2023, The Apex, Bury St Edmunds

**AGENDA**

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| **Time** | **Session**  |
| 09:30  | Registration and refreshments  |
| 10:00  | **Welcome address and project overview** Andrew Cook, Executive Director for Growth, Highways and Infrastructure, Suffolk County Council and Cllr Richard Rout, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and the Environment, 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](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/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 morning speakers  |
| 11:10 | Refreshments  |
| 11:30 | **Maximising positive outcomes for the local community**Jamie Childs, Director, Howes Percival  |
| 11:45 | **Maximising the skills and employment benefits from an NSIP**Paul Warmington, Manager, Agilia Infrastructure Partners  |
| 12:00 | **A practical example of community benefits- lessons learnt**Dr Catrin Jones, Head of Stakeholder and Community Engagement for Offshore Wind, Vattenfall  |
| 12:15  | Question and answer session with mid-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:** * 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

Followed by a question and answer session  |
| 13:55  | **Good practice of engagement between** **LAs and developers*** Michael Bedford KC, King’s Counsel Barrister, Cornerstone Barristers
* Ian Fletcher, DCO Lead, Jacobs

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| 14:55 | **Closing remarks** Andrew Cook, Executive Director for Growth, Highways and Infrastructure, Suffolk County Council  |
| 15:00 | Refreshment break  |
| 15:15 | Networking Session (optional)  |
| 16:30 | Close  |