

# Avoiding gridlock 2040: How councils can save our roads (London)



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The Government predicts that traffic on our local roads will increase by 42 per cent by 2040. If this happens it will be disastrous – our towns, cities and villages will grind to a halt. This conference will demonstrate the benefits from a better decision-making and funding system for local transport to replace the current broken one.

Councils need to be able to

- Consider transport in the context of policies on economic development, housing, health and education
- Take a holistic view of transport
- Manage traffic effectively and provide alternatives to the car to keep essential traffic moving
- Invest effectively

This would enable us to

- Deliver more quickly
- Save the process costs involved in bidding for Government funding – meaning more money for supporting local buses and fixing more roads
- Make the most of long term funding certainty. Allowing councils to plan effectively, deliver efficiently and innovate – instead of fixing potholes, we have much more resilient roads.
- Take decisions on transport and roads at the best geographic level – closest to the people, businesses and places served. Local people will get the best connectivity at lowest cost to the taxpayer.

## Speakers

Confirmed speakers include:

- **Mary Creagh MP**, Shadow Secretary of State for Transport
- **Ginny Clarke**, Network Services Director, Highways Agency
- **Cllr David Hodge**, Leader, Surrey County Council
- **Carmel McKeogh**, Deputy Chief Executive, Blackpool Council

## Times

**Registration time:** 9.00 am

**Start time:** 10:00 am

**End time:** 4:00 pm

## Why you should attend

The conference will showcase what councils are already doing to tackle local congestion, how they are able to work with business to find the best solutions and how the current system imposes barriers that frustrate local ambition.

## Programme

The programme will be available on this webpage as soon as possible.

## Who should attend?

This event is for Leaders, Cabinet members for economic growth/ transport, elected members with interest in economy/Transport, LEP Chairs, Directors and senior officers of Economy and Transport

## How to book

Please refer to our terms and conditions of booking situated on the left hand side of the screen. Please complete the online booking form on this page or complete the downloadable booking form.

## Further information

For further information or any other queries please contact:

**The Events team**

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## Special requirements

Due to the pressures on the provision of special requirements, such as BSL interpreters, the LGA will need six weeks' notice to provide this service.

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