

MEETING: NATIONAL PLANNING FORUM

TIME: 12.45pm for 1.30pm THURSDAY MARCH 7<sup>th</sup> 2013

LOCATION: CONVOCATION HALL, CHURCH HOUSE CONFERENCE CENTRE, WESTMINSTER,  
LONDON. (accessed off Dean's Yard)

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## AGENDA

### 1. Welcome and opening remarks

Brian Waters: Chair of the National Planning Forum and NPF Vice-chair (Professions)

### 2. Planning for Delivery

Nick Boles MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Planning

Followed by Q and A

Nick Boles MP is the minister is responsible for: planning and development, local growth and deregulation

Nick Boles was appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Planning in September 2012. He was elected as the Conservative MP for Grantham and Stamford in May 2010. Nick went to school at Winchester College before going on to study politics, philosophy and economics at Magdalen College, Oxford. He went on to do a Masters in public policy at Harvard University in the US after winning a Kennedy Scholarship.

Nick was elected to Westminster Council in 1998 and became Chairman of Housing. He was chairman of the Housing Committee from 1999 to 2001, before stepping down in 2002. In 2007, He was appointed as Head of David Cameron's Implementation Team, which drew up the Conservative Party's detailed plans for government. In November 2010, he was appointed Parliamentary Private Secretary to Nick Gibb MP, the Minister of State for Schools. Nick is also a political fellow at the Institute for Government and is the founder, and a former director, of Policy Exchange, a centre right policy research institute.

He spent the first 10 years of his career in business working as a merchant banker in Germany, Russia and Eastern Europe, helping state owned industries prepare for private ownership and setting up a small group of companies supplying the DIY industry.

### 3. Delivering Infrastructure – is the 2008 Planning Act working?

Robbie Owen, Partner Government and Infrastructure, Bircham, Dyson Bell and Secretary of the National Infrastructure Planning Association (NIPA)

Followed by Q and A

Robbie advises on a wide range of government and infrastructure issues. He has 25 years' experience of successfully promoting and opposing a wide range of infrastructure and other major projects such as ports, railways, roads, urban transit systems and water projects, advising both public and private sector promoters and objectors.

Robbie is a member of the Government's non-party political Planning Sounding Board, which advises on a wide range of planning policy issues. He speaks and writes frequently on government and infrastructure issues, in particular co-editing Butterworths Planning Law: A Practical Guide to National Infrastructure Projects, written by Bircham Dyson Bell.

### 4. Update: the Secretary

### 5. AOB

#### FORUM MEETINGS IN 2013

- June 6<sup>th</sup> at Local Government House
- September 11<sup>th</sup> at Local Government House
- December 11<sup>th</sup> at Local Government House

All meetings: 12.45pm for lunch - start of business 1.30pm