

## InfraTalk returns in June!

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The banner features a collage of railway infrastructure images. On the left, a man in a yellow 'FIRST AIDER' hard hat and safety glasses is shown in profile. In the center, the 'InfraTalk' logo is prominently displayed in a stylized, outlined font, with the tagline 'JOIN THE CONVERSATION' below it. On the right, a construction worker in a blue hard hat and orange high-visibility jacket is seen from behind, looking towards a bridge under construction. The background includes various railway scenes, including tracks and infrastructure.

**Rail Forum** MIDLANDS Fast virtual networking for the UK railway infrastructure industry

Event partners:  
**STORY**  
**ALSTOM**

**InfraTalk**  
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#INFRATALK | 24th June 2021  
9am - 12noon Online

Register today:  
[www.midlandsrail.co.uk/events/infratalk-2](http://www.midlandsrail.co.uk/events/infratalk-2)

Rail Forum Midlands (RFM) is thrilled to bring back **InfraTalk** for a second, even bigger, event on 24 June 2021, 9am - 12noon.

Introduced in January, **InfraTalk** broke the mould of virtual networking providing an unrivalled opportunity for industry professionals across the railway infrastructure sector to come together.

With 23 tier 1 organisations already committed to this year's event and more expected, the networking opportunities will be extensive.

## **InfraTalk line-up**

Align JV

**Alstom - Event Partner**

Alun Griffiths

AmcoGiffen

Amey

Arup

Atkins

Balfour Beatty

BAM Nuttall

Buckingham Group Contracting

Colas Rail

Dyer & Butler

EKFB JV

Mace Dragados

Mace Group

Network Rail - Eastern

Network Rail - Project SPEED/PACE

Network Rail - Wales and Western

Quinn Infrastructure

Rhomberg Sersa

Siemens Mobility

Skanska Construction

SPL Powerlines UK Ltd

SSE Rail

**Story Contracting - Event Partner**

XYZ Rail

## **Fast networking for railway infrastructure**

Back again with the innovative user-friendly virtual platform, the format remains 100% committed to its 'pure networking' mission and attendees will be relieved that the rules of January's event apply again:

- no powerpoints
- no applications
- and no appointments

As before, attendees will be able to easily navigate around the tier 1 hosted tables and speak directly with procurement, commercial and project representatives, made easier with pre-issued delegate lists to maximise time at the event.

"From Align JV to XYZ Rail, we are thrilled to see many of the participants of January's InfraTalk returning - a testimony to the value derived from our inaugural event" reports Cat Appleby, RFM Membership Manager. "We have also seen a number of new participants, and are pleased to welcome Alun Griffiths, Arup and Atkins to the line-up, with more expected in the coming weeks."

## **Opening address by Clive Berrington**

The event will be formally opened by Clive Berrington, Group Commercial & Procurement Director for Network Rail. Network Rail regions of Wales & Western, and Eastern will be hosting individual tables in addition to Project Speed, allowing visitors to drop in and chat.

**Introducing event partners Alstom and Story Contracting**

InfraTalk will see two new event partners in June, Alstom and Story.

Jason Baldock Managing Director, Digital & Integrated Systems UK & Ireland Alstom, said: "Following on from the successful RFM InfraTalk in January, we are delighted to be joint event partner for the second event. Alstom has recently completed the acquisition of Bombardier Transportation and we are now #MovingTogether. This virtual forum presents a great opportunity for the new Alstom Digital & Integrated Systems to meet with suppliers across the region."

Martin Smith, MD of Story Contracting's Rail Division added "We are delighted to be partnering with Rail Forum Midlands at the next InfraTalk networking event. We really enjoyed attending last time and were keen to get more involved, particularly as our business is growing across the Midlands. As well as making some great new contacts at the last event, we were able to add new companies into our supply chain."

**National focus: open to the whole industry**

"InfraTalk brings together the whole supply chain from Land's End to John O'Groats" said RFM CEO, Elaine Clark "it traverses the geography providing that essential national reach in support of our nationwide supply chain."

**Register today!**

InfraTalk is open to members and non-members. RFM members benefit from free registration with unlimited places. Non-members can register for one place per company and a small charge is applied.

Visit: <https://www.midlandsrail.co.uk/events/infratalk-2/> for more information and to register for places.