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Sustainability to take centre stage at the Rail Station Development and Regeneration Conference

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This year's Rail Station Development and Regeneration Conference takes place on Tuesday 28 June at the international law firm, Addleshaw Goddard in London, with sustainability the overarching theme on the agenda.

Many of the UK's leading rail and property experts will assemble to debate how rail stations can be developed using the latest innovations and sustainable approaches, and how the industry might maximise the wider area regeneration opportunities.

The event is being organised by Waterfront Conference Company, which delivers physical and virtual policy conferences for the planning, energy, rail, and ports sectors.

With passenger numbers starting to recover as more commuters return to the office, it will provide an opportune moment for industry figures to take stock and establish a positive set of priorities to push forward in the year ahead, and beyond.

It's returning for its eighth year as a hybrid event, where industry leaders will be able to meet in person following a virtual-only edition during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Among the keynote speakers at this year's one-day event will be Malcom Pitt, Stations lead for Great British Railways Transition Team. He'll examine how reforms to the rail industry, including the creation of the Great British Railways state-owned body, might impact future station development.

Robin Dobson, Group Property Director at Network Rail, will examine the changing needs of station development, and how these projects contribute to economic growth. He'll also explore the best ways to engage with local communities on station use.

David Worsley, Head of Rail Specification & Delivery at Transport for the North, will tackle the UK Government's contentious "levelling up" agenda, and what it might mean in practice for stations. He'll also shed light on how stations can deliver infrastructure fit for the future.

The conference, which will also be available to attend online, will be chaired by Jonathan Chatfield, Head of Policy (Freight & Stations) at the Rail Delivery Group. He has nearly 30 years' experience in the UK rail industry, having previously worked for a train operator and Network Rail.

Mr Chatfield said: "This conference brings together some of the best thinkers in the industry to help us explore the biggest challenges facing the development of rail station infrastructure and the wider regeneration opportunities.

"It's a key time for the sector as we look to develop innovations and grow confidently out of the COVID-19 pandemic. In doing so, create the sustainable rail infrastructure of the future for passengers.

"They'll be an opportunity to network in-person with senior representatives from rail and property, including those leading on station development projects."

The conference will run from 9.30am to 6pm and will hopefully offer innovative solutions to the challenges facing the future of rail development and regeneration, focusing on the following key topics:

- What is the future of station development? Rail recovery and meeting passenger requirements
- How to practically deliver improvements and overcoming challenges facing station development
- The future of station development – improving sustainability and planning for innovation

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