

# Next Steps for Boosting British High Streets and Town Centres

[Etc. Venues, One Drummond Gate, Victoria, London SW1V 2QQ](#) | Thursday 6th December 2018

10.15	<b>Registration &amp; Morning Refreshments</b>
11.00	<b>Chair's Introduction - <i>Cllr Ric Pallister OBE, South Somerset District Council</i></b>
11.05	<b>Policy developments and challenges impacting high streets</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Current Government funding and support for high streets and town centres</li><li>• Next steps for the Expert Advisory Panel's review of high streets</li><li>• Impact of the revised National Planning Policy Framework</li><li>• The challenges facing high streets and town centres, and how to overcome them</li><li>• Responding to trends in consumer behaviour</li><li>• Reducing the impact of business rates on high streets and town centres</li></ul> <p>⇒ <b><i>Cllr Graham Galpin, Member, Expert Advisory Panel on High Streets; Portfolio Holder for Corporate Property, Ashford Borough Council</i></b></p> <p>⇒ <b><i>Edward Woodall, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, Association of Convenience Stores</i></b></p> <p>⇒ <b><i>Alex Schlagman, Founding Partner, SaveTheHighStreet.org</i></b></p>
13.00	<b>Networking Lunch</b>
13.45	<b>Good practice session: Making high streets attractive places to visit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creating diverse, vibrant high streets – case studies of effective practice</li><li>• Making high streets and town centres accessible and desirable places to visit</li><li>• Using digital technology to attract people to high streets and town centres</li><li>• Promoting the night-time economy, while managing the impact of crime and anti-social behaviour</li><li>• Effective partnership working between local authorities, businesses and landlords</li></ul> <p>⇒ <b><i>Polly Barnfield OBE, CEO and Founder Maybe* and the #WDYT Campaign</i></b></p> <p>⇒ <b><i>Paul Clement, Director, Head of Place-shaping, Savills</i></b></p> <p>⇒ <b><i>Helen Burrige, BID Manager, St Albans BID</i></b></p>
15.30	<b>Event Close</b>

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