

Holywell Park Conference Centre, Loughborough University Science and Enterprise Park 17 September 2024-9.00 am - 4.00 pm

Speaker	Pen portrait

Speaker	Pen portrait
Ann Carruthers Chair, Midlands Highway Alliance Plus Executive Board	Ann is Director of Environment and Transport for Leicestershire County Council responsible for all highways, transport, environment and waste services. Before joining Leicestershire CC, Ann worked with a number of local authorities across Scotland and England covering the highways, transport, environment and growth agendas. Ann also spent some time introducing sustainable transport options and new ways of working across New Zealand state highway system. Ann is President of the Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport (ADEPT), a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Highways and Transportation, a member of the Highways Sector Council and Chair of Midlands Highway Alliance Plus.
Philip Reid Chair of MHA+ Digital Working Group	Philip is the Head of Innovation & Transformation for VINCI Construction Companies in the UK. He leads the team to develop new solutions and implement the best of those already in the market that will help our businesses and industry to deliver their works better. He has been a core member of the VINCI Construction UK team for over 15 years, in that time he has never stayed still, always looking for the next challenge, this has given him experience in many aspects of highway construction & maintenance.
Karen Notman	Karen has been Midlands Highway Alliance Plus Manager since May 2021, having had a number of active roles in MHA, since its inception - through local authority and consultancy roles with Aecom, Waterman Aspen, Derbyshire and Leicestershire County Councils. She has worked in most areas of a local authority highway department and was a service manager of highway maintenance and design services for over 15 years, with Leicestershire County Council, before joining AECOM as an Associate Director in both the Nottingham and Birmingham offices. She has had close involvement with the Institution of Civil Engineers over her career and is a past Chair of the East Midlands Region. Originally from Birmingham, she started her career in Coventry with a placement at Geotechnics
Manager, Midlands Highway Alliance Plus	Limited in the city before heading east to Leicestershire.



Craig Bromage

In his current role since early 2022, Criag oversees a diverse portfolio covering cloud hosting, corporate network, and traffic management infrastructure, Craig plays a key role in the organisation's digital transformation journey, focusing on modernising infrastructure and embracing new ways of working.

Prior to his current role, Craig served as the Head of Infrastructure at Sandwell & West Birmingham Hospital's Trust, driving the adoption of cloud hosting, implementing a cloud-based telephony system, and spearheading the network implementation for the new Midland Metropolitan University Hospital.

His career includes managing service delivery for clients such as VOSA, MoJ, NFUM, Equitable Life, and Royal Mail Group, Originally from Nuneaton, Craig's career journey started as an electronics engineer in the Royal Air Force. Craig spent a decade in Cornwall before moving back to the Midlands, initially Coventry and south Birmingham, now calling Cannock Chase home.

Head of infrastructure 7 platforms, National Highways

Julie Cartwright

Julie leads AECOM social impact team, supporting major projects and frameworks to embed social value outcomes as set out in AECOM Sustainable Legacies Strategy. She chairs MHA+ social value Working Group since 2018 - the group was established as a forum to collaborate with all MHA+ stakeholders to maximise social value impact and public benefit across both MHA+ Frameworks. Julie also sits on the Advisory Board for Institute of Social Value, supporting the senior leadership team and Board Directors, by giving external perspective and advice on ISV strategies and services. She has worked in community facing roles for over 30 years, working in private, voluntary, and public sectors. Her main focus for the last 10 years has been working in partnership with Local Authorities to deliver meaningful social value outcomes on various infrastructure projects.

Associate Director, Social Value, Carbon & ESG, Aecom

Hugo Barnes

Hugo is an Associate within AECOM Technology Services consulting team, with a multi-discipline background. This includes the management, design and delivery of a wide variety of intelligent transport systems and control room projects for private and public sector clients in the UK and overseas. Typical clients and stakeholders include: national and local road operators/authorities. planners, contractors, commercial suppliers and other consultants. Hugo has overseen projects, from the initial business justification through to outline and detailed design, then onto managing contractors, installation, testing, commissioning and handover into operation.

Associate Director, Aecom



Katie Parnell

Katie took her present team leader role in the Innovation Service (HUB) in September 2022, leading a multi-disciplinary team, covering innovation in mobility and placemaking, ranging from self driving vehicles projects to IoT device deployment to data analysis, monitoring and evaluation, and ensuring innovation is considered within policy and strategic planning at Oxfordshire County Council. She has over 15 years' experience within Local Government, beginning her career in sustainable travel and behaviour change, before moving into transport planning and policy, then into transport innovation and research. She was one of the founding members of the Innovation Service at Oxfordshire County Council, being instrumental in its success and growth from 4 members of staff in 2014 to 24 members of staff in 2024, having either successfully initiated or overseen many of the 100+ innovation projects delivered by the service over the last decade.

Future Mobility & Placemaking Team Leader: **Oxfordshire County Council**

Adam Symons

Innovation Business Development, Amey Consulting

William Oldham

Local Government

Association (LGA) **Hannah Bartram**

Adam is the Team Leader at Oxfordshire County Council, having previously worked in climate and as Head of Waste Management. He is also a lecturer in Environmental Consultancy at Oxford Brookes University and has worked for a range of public and private sector organisations in his 30-year career. Early in his career he worked for what is now AECOM as a consultant and has continued to provide freelance consultancy advice over the last 20 years in environment, planning and resources, including for the British Council in Siberia. Will is an Adviser in the Leadership Team at the LGA and is leading the LGA work on developing a new flagship recruitment campaign for local government, 'Make a Difference, Work for Your Local Council'. The campaign will be rolled out to all regions in England in autumn 2024 and is funded by the UK Government. Will's wider work at the LGA involves delivering leadership development programmes for councillors and officers in councils across the country.

Hannah joined ADEPT in February 2016 and is responsible for setting the strategic direction and overseeing delivery of all aspects of ADEPT business. This includes offering a range of membership services, facilitating extensive networking and learning opportunities, delivering a major research programme and influencing emerging government policy on a broad portfolio of issues affecting the delivery of council place services. She moved from the Environment Agency. where she led various national teams working on policy areas including planning, growth & devolution, climate change and flood risk management. Prior to that she worked for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) on a range of international and domestic nature conservation issues. She is a trustee and the honorary treasurer of the Beds, Cambridgeshire & Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust.

Chief Executive, Association of Directors of Environment. Economy, Planning & **Transport (ADEPT)**



neien	rownend	ı

Head of inclusion and social value, Amey Consulting

Mimi Welch

Civil Engineer, Amey Consulting Paul Burns

Operations Director: CPJ Education Ltd.

Taiki Yuya

Senior engineer, Waterman Infrastructure and Environment

Helen has thirty years' experience in the Ground Engineering Sector working on Infrastructure and Mining projects in the UK and internationally. Helen supports Amey in the delivery of a more inclusive and accessible service provision that adds value for the whole community in a sustainable manner. A Chartered Geologist, Helen has focussed her career in the UK Transport Sector, with operational experience in a wide range of infrastructure renewal projects. Since 2017, Helen has championed Social Value, Inclusion and Inclusive Design, building workplaces where we can all thrive and be able to provide the best impacts for our communities. Inclusion and fair and equal progression are key to enhancing retention, ensuring our teams understand their next move within the business. Mimi has six years' experience working as a structural engineer in the engineering consultancy sector. Since joining Amey Structures team in Birmingham in 2021, Mimi has worked on highways and built environment projects for several clients including National Highways and Local Authorities, through the MHA+ Framework. She is enthusiastic about encouraging the younger generation into engineering career paths and finding new ways to give back to communities within the sector; Mimi has led a multitude of Social Impact and STEM events in Birmingham and the surrounding areas. As an Amey Inclusion ambassador, Mimi is eager on ensuring diversity and inclusivity within the engineering sector.

Paul has been delivering DfE Skills Bootcamps with HBXL since September 2022, in that time he has raised awareness of the flexibility of this funding with Tier 1s and their Supply Chain to the extent that he has developed over 30 options with HBXL and Select Plant Hire. He is a member of the City of London Skills For A Sustainable Skyline Taskforce, South London LSIF Partnership, Considerate Constructors Scheme Social Impact Council on Skills Gaps and Suffolk County Council Growth Action Group, as a result he has direct contact with Tier 1's and their Supply Chain to develop models that will maximise Local Labour on forthcoming contracts.

Taiki is an engineer with experience in flood risk assessment, flood control planning and evacuation measurement which requires hydraulic modelling, hydrological modelling and research on legal registration. Taiki has been seconded to Waterman Group from CTI Engineering Co., Ltd. in Japan since July 2023 and works at the Birmingham office for flood risk assessment and drainage network design. CTI Engineering Co., Ltd. is the leading Japanese engineering consultancy and provides professional consulting services related to civil engineering and construction works, including planning, research, design, and project management.



) SKIII	s and Digital
Emily See Highways Market Director Amey Consulting	Emily focusses on working with Local Authorities and National Highways, to achieve their strategic objectives. With 11 years of experience in the sector, Emily is passionate about supporting the sector with key priorities such as decarbonisation, asset management and innovation. She is also actively engaged in the sector including acting as the Senior Vice President of LGTAG, chairing LGTAGs Highway and Infrastructure Management Board and working with the CIHT as a Technical Champion.
Darren Dival	Darren's role at TfWM is to enable, support and facilitate road safety improvements across the West Midlands Combined Authority region. As Lead Coordinator for the 16 Regional Road Safety Partnership organisations, Darren ensures delivery of a robust and fit for purpose strategic approach aimed at achieving a 50% reduction in the number of killed and seriously injured casualties by 2030. His current focus is on the delivery of a Regional Road Safety Action Plan based on robust statistical evidence and community-based insight, along with a new multi-agency Operational Working Agreement for average speed
Regional road safety manager, Transport for West Midlands (TfWM)	enforcement. Darren is a former Chair of the Institute of Road Safety Officers and Head of Road Safety GB Academy. He is also a judge for the Prince Michael International Road Safety Awards and represents TfWM on the PACTS Safe System Forum.
Shane Foley VivaCity Labs	Shane has extensive experience in both operational management and sales management roles, across large multinational mobility providers and start-up tech-based organisations. He is passionate about sustainable, green travel and working towards making our communities safer, cleaner and generally better places to live. Shane's role at VivaCity allows him to work alongside combined and local authorities to ensure they can use our cutting-edge Al technology to have the best, most accurate data possible to make impactful decisions on the way we live.
Sunil Budheo	Sunil has over 40 years' experience in the Traffic, Transport and ITS Industry; his current has helped in development of new technology for transportation. Now venturing into the latest mode of transportation of Electric-Vertical Take Of and Landing (E-VTOL). His skills in securing funding for other CAV projects funded by Innovate UK and the DfT such as UK Autodrive, UK Cite and NPP Parking Platform with other key partners. Supporting Coventry University with their transport related R&D projects. Delivered the first demonstration of an Autonomous vehicle driven on the streets of Coventry, introduced Micro Mobility as part of MaaS. A member of the UTMC Standard and specification development group, BSi Future of Flight Advisory Group, Royal Aeronautical Society, working with various organisations to set
Transport Innovation manager, Coventry City Council	standards in the emerging new modes of transport sector; and supporting several Advisory Board and groups



Teresa Hylton

Teresa began her career at Mansfield District Council, where she specialised in highway engineering, learning a multitude of disciplines within highway maintenance and capital schemes, which laid a strong foundation for her subsequent endeavours. She then transitioned to the private sector, where she contributed significantly to national projects, including the US Embassy and the London Olympics. Her experience in multi-disciplinary works has been instrumental in her professional growth. Currently, at Waterman Aspen, she continues to learn and apply her extensive knowledge and skills in civil engineering; adapting to roles within National Highways, and within City and County authorities. She has recognised and embraced the importance of communication, collaboration and trust to achieve successful service and project delivery.

Framework Manager (MHA+) and East Midlands Regional Director, Waterman Aspen

David Owens

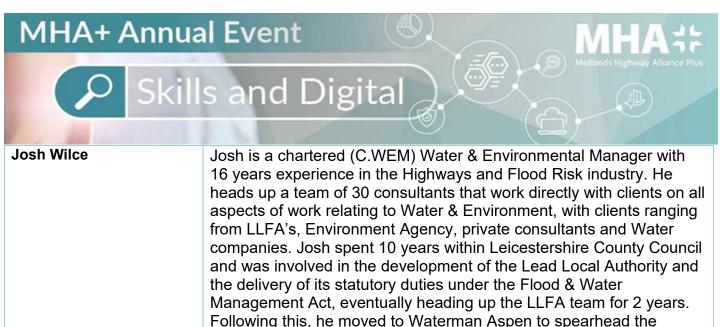
David is a seasoned Digital Engineering and Building Information Modelling leader, with 20 years of experience in the highways, rail, and naturals resource markets. With over a decade of expertise in driving digital transformation and implementing innovative engineering solutions on major infrastructure projects. In his role at David leads digital initiatives, enhancing productivity, and project delivery through advanced technologies and BIM practices. His notable projects include the M25 Widening, A556 Knutsford to Bowdon, and the Smart Motorway Programme Alliance. He has disrupted traditional design models with automation and digital strategies, leading to significant productivity gains. Previously a design manager with Balfour Beatty and Costain, he was central to the National Highways BIM programme, setting industry standards and is recognised for his leadership in PMO, design management, and data-driven asset management. David's work continues to set benchmarks in the digital transformation of infrastructure projects.

Head of Digital Engineering and BIM, WSP

Nitesh Alagh

Nitesh leads in digital engineering, sustainability and emerging technology and, as a contemporary business leader, is skilled in identifying opportunities for growth and innovation, developing effective strategies, and leading cross-functional teams to achieve business objectives. His experience includes leading large-scale transformation programs, driving operational excellence, and implementing digital solutions to improve business performance. He is also an expert in data & AI and has experience in developing data-driven strategies, implementing AI solutions, and leveraging analytics to drive business performance. Nitesh is passionate about sustainability and believes that businesses must go beyond the minimum to drive positive change and create a more sustainable future.

Business Lead, Severn Trent



Regional Director, Water & **Environment, Waterman Aspen**

Ruairi Charlesworth

Highways Data Systems Jamie Missenden

MSF 4 Framework Manager Galliford Try

Following this, he moved to Waterman Aspen to spearhead the growth of the Water & Environment Team. Josh has undertaken work with National Highways and their consultants to develop the programme of priority outfall assessments and water quality relating to carriageway runoff.

Ruairi has worked across technical and commercial roles for 12 years in the asphalt construction industry, gaining experience on highways, airfields and defence estates infrastructure projects. As head of business development for Highway Data Systems he is responsible for promoting intelligent construction technology in both the UK and the USA. He has helped shape market understanding of intelligent construction technology which, through Highway Data Systems, has led to specification change at Transport Scotland, National Highways, Heathrow Airport and across local authority frameworks. Ruairi holds a masters' degree in Management & International Business and is a Committee Member of the Institute of Asphalt Technology.

Jamie joined Galliford Try in 2015 as a Project Manager on schemes during the MSF 2 Framework. Working across multiple MSF 2 and 3 schemes over the next five years; becoming more involved with the Framework Community Board along the way, he took the role as Regional Manager in 2020 and has overseen the growth of the Galliford Try business in his region as well as supporting the medium schemes framework at every step of the way. Since starting in the industry in 2002 as a Trainee Site Engineer, he has delivered schemes across the country with various organisations from complex public realm schemes to some of the largest infrastructure schemes the Midlands has seen, up to £500m.