



Holywell Park Conference Centre, Loughborough University Science and Enterprise Park

Value and Skills - Annual Event

Wednesday 20 September 2023 - 9.00am - 4.00pm

Speaker	Pen portrait
<p>Ann Carruthers</p> <p>Chair: Midlands Highway Alliance Plus Executive Board</p>	<p>Ann has worked with local authorities in Scotland and England covering the highways, transport, waste and environment agendas. This includes working with Edinburgh City Council in bringing forward their congestion charging and tram projects; with Kent County Council in dealing with the issues posed by Operation Stack and developing an innovative Growth and Infrastructure Framework. Her career also includes a period as National Travel Demand Manager with the New Zealand equivalent of National Highways. She is Director of Environment and Transport with Leicestershire County Council; a council member of The Highways Sector Council; vice-President of ADEPT Transport and chairs their Transport and Connectivity Board.</p>
<p>Karen Notman</p> <p>Manager: Midlands Highway Alliance Plus</p>	<p>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 Limited in the city before heading east to Leicestershire.</p>

<p>Karen Farquharson</p> <p>Director Proving Services Ltd</p>	<p>Karen is a founding director of Proving Services Ltd, a research-based consultancy formed in 2003. It has developed tools and processes for the evaluation of strategic options, business change, value for money and value chain relationships. In 2016, Proving established the Future Highways Research Group (FHRG), which brings together over 40 local authority highways' service directors in a forum - to discuss, develop and collaborate on strategies; aimed at addressing the challenges faced by the sector.</p>
<p>Mark Saunders</p> <p>Client Director COLAS</p>	<p>Mark is a chartered scientist and, following completion of his first degree at Oxford University, completed his MBA at Henley Business School. He has held leadership roles across business, local and national government groups related to smart cities, highways, sustainable development and renewable energy. He engages clients and other stakeholders in strategy, innovation and thought leadership and has run international programmes in innovation and technology application across the UK, Spain, Australia and North America.</p>
<p>Andy Perrin</p> <p>Director Proving Services Ltd</p>	<p>Andy is a qualified accountant and former Executive Director of Operations and Policy for The Chartered Institute of Public Finance (CIPFA). Since 2017, Andy has been a director of Proving Services Ltd, a research-based consultancy formed in 2003, that has developed tools and processes for the evaluation of strategic options, business change, value for money and value chain relationships. In 2016, Proving established the Future Highways Research Group (FHRG), bringing together over 40 local authority highways service directors in a forum where they discuss, develop and collaborate on strategies aimed at addressing the challenges faced by the sector.</p>
<p>Pat Clarke</p> <p>Assistant Director, Leicestershire County Council Chair: PSP 4 procurement working group</p>	<p>Pat joined Leicestershire in 2017 and leads on Leicestershire's Highways and Transportation Operations; the remit is wide and includes operational, technical, as well as maintenance and repair, sustainable transport provision. Previously, Pat occupied a range of strategic, contract and operational roles with leading UK construction and infrastructure suppliers . As Chair of MHA+ PSP 4 Procurement working group Pat oversaw the planning, development of a replacement framework that will maintain both the value and flexibility that local highway authorities expect as well as attracting the best in framework suppliers.</p>

<p>Helen Townend</p> <p>Head of Inclusion and Social Value at Amey Consulting, Andrew Cropley</p>	<p>Helen Townend 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 focused her career in the UK Transport Sector, with operational experience in a wide range of infrastructure renewal projects. Since 2017, Helen has focused her career championing Social Value, Inclusion and Inclusive Design, building workplaces where we can all thrive and be able to provide the best impacts for our communities. Passionate about engaging the younger generation in the vast array of careers within the infrastructure sector- Helen works with schools and Sixth Forms to provide Careers advice, structured work experience and Amey Challenge Cup events.</p>
<p>Principal West Nottingham College (WNC)</p>	<p>Andrew served an extended period in in the Royal Navy before joining the further education sector in 2009. After securing a number of interim roles, he became Principal of West Nottinghamshire College in June 2019. Under his leadership the college introduced a new Civil Engineering curriculum, in partnership with Galliford Try. The new dedicated training centre will open in 2024. The college has built a unique partnership with Nottingham Trent University which seeks to support employers across north and west Nottinghamshire to grow and offer better opportunities for local people and to ensure that skills and academic pathways are in place to support them. Andrew is Chair of Mansfield Place Board - leading the district's response both to levelling up opportunities and supporting the devolution plans for the East Midlands.</p>
<p>Kully Boden</p> <p>Service Manager for Highway Maintenance – Derby City Council</p>	<p>Kully has been Service Manager for three years and held a series of roles within the highway maintenance field, since 2008. She has worked for local government all her working life (33 years). Her team covers highway asset management, inspections, programme development and operations (with a small in-house workforce delivering approx. £2.6m income generating projects). Derby City is leading a small collaboration project which is researching a local approach to prioritising skid resistance (LASR) on local roads. The LASR approach has been shortlisted in this year's APSE Awards and will be showcased at the World Road Congress in Prague in October 2023. Kully is also the Chair of MHA+ Winter Service Improvement Group.</p>

<p>Richard Garratt</p> <p>Senior Transport Analyst & Head of Transport Planning Apprenticeship Scheme Network Data & Intelligence Environment and Transport</p>	<p>Richard has been with Leicestershire County Council (LCC) since 2007 and manages an in-house Data Collection team. Previous commercial roles have enabled him to bring a work ethos of process optimisation and automation into the public sector; and incorporated this into the culture of the 'Develop our own' apprenticeship offered by the Environment and Transport department. In addition, Richard has maximised opportunities to develop systems to both visualise and provide a robust evidence led decision making process.</p>
<p>Sarah Carter</p> <p>Project Manager, Leeds College of Building</p>	<p>Sarah leads on the innovative programme provided at Leeds- which includes subject matter specialists providing lectures and technical expertise. The qualifications provided meets the professional development review requirements of the Chartered Institution of Highways & Transportation (CIHT), the Transport Planning Society (TPS) and awarding body Pearson. Previously, Sarah enjoyed roles leading on ESF project funding, strategic management of community development and regeneration</p>
<p>Bharat Keshwala</p> <p>Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) North and East Midlands Group office</p>	<p>Bharat has undertaken a series of roles in the Department for Work and Pensions since 2011; starting as a work coach in Job Centre Plus in Coventry - then transferring to Leicester after five years. He worked as an Employer Advisor for two years - the role supported employers in matching their recruitment needs; then worked as a Employer & Partnership Manager (Job Centre Plus) which included supporting the introduction of Universal Credit. Since 2020 he has undertaken various roles prior to becoming Employer and Partnership manager at Group Office in late 2022.</p>
<p>Dave Hornsey</p> <p>Employer Relationship Manager Career Transition Partnership</p>	<p>Dave joined the Partnership in 2013 and works with a range of employers in the East Midlands to both identify and secure vacancies and work placement opportunities for Service leavers. His ethos has remained constant – to enable people to find and remain in employment - that enables them to demonstrate (and enhance) their skills. Prior to this, he undertook a range of roles working in the charitable and commercial sectors to enable positive career transitions and resettlement, following a long career in the Royal Air Force.</p>
<p>Ian Bamforth</p> <p>Project Support Manager MHA+</p>	<p>Ian provides project support and management to help deliver key areas of activity for the Alliance and its members. Previously, Ian has worked at both operational and senior levels in a number of roles across local government including Worcestershire County Council - providing oversight and management of key areas of activity including Highways Operations, Lead Local Flood Authority, Development Control & other key projects delivery. He played a lead role in merging West Midlands Highways Alliance with Midlands Service Improvement Group and MHA, to form MHA+ as Chair of MHA programme board</p>

<p>Stuart Gready</p> <p>Founder & Managing Director, OCL Regeneration Ltd.</p>	<p>Stuart founded OCL in 2006 after 10 years working in technical and operational roles for 2 major aggregates companies. Leading the OCL team on an exciting journey, OCL Specialises in end-to-end services to local authorities and tier 1 contractors and is credited with manufacturing over 2 million tonnes of low carbon asphalt. OCL maximises value in aggregate recycling bound materials and surfacing, delivering innovative, cost-effective, environmentally friendly and sustainable products that reduce hazardous waste costs, resulting in reducing the carbon footprint. The company believes in “recycle first” and has practiced what it preaches by developing a number of permitted recycling centres and proprietary surfacing materials for use in the maintenance of all types of pavement design.</p>
<p>Philip Reid</p> <p>Head of Innovation & Transformation for Vinci, Chair of MHA+ Digital Working Group</p>	<p>As Digital Operations Manager for the Contracting businesses of Eurovia UK & Taylor Woodrow, Philip is responsible for the digitalisation and automation of activities; including including robotics, use of drones, information management and BIM. He has been a core member of the Vinci Construction UK team for over 13 years, but actively pursues the next challenge. This has enabled him to gain experience in all aspects of highway construction. The ethos of embracing Modern Methods of Construction, new technologies and ways of working is core to his work. Phil leads the team to develop new solutions and implement the best of those already in the market to deliver our transformation roadmap.</p>
<p>Rupinder Wilkhu</p> <p>BIM lead at John Sisk & Son Ltd</p>	<p>Rupinder joined John Sisk and Son Ltd in mid-2021, with a focus on the implementation of BIM and digital solutions that bring tangible benefits into construction. With 20+ years of experience in Africa, Europe, Asia and the UK; his approach to BIM is centered around transforming behaviours.</p>
<p>Julie Cartwright</p> <p>Principal Social Impact Consultant Aecom & Chair MHA+ Social Value Working Group</p>	<p>Julie Cartwright is a Principal Social Impact Consultant at AECOM. Julie leads AECOM social impact team, supporting major projects and frameworks to embed social value outcomes as set out in AECOM Sustainable Legacies Strategy. Julie has chaired 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 Social Value UK, supporting the senior leadership team and Board Directors, by giving external perspective and advice on SVUK Strategies and services. Julie 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.</p>

<p>Ellie Baker</p> <p>Senior Project Leader Lincolnshire County Council</p>	<p>Ellie has worked at Lincolnshire County Council for 27 years; and began her career as a trainee in the Traffic Team. She has undertaken a range of roles in Highways, including Highways Maintenance, Streetworks and Permitting, events management and health and safety. Ellie's current role is within the Client and Contract Team and she manages the programme of Social Value days committed each year, by Lincolnshire County Council Highways Partners and leads on social value for the Strategic Engagement Group.</p>
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