

Trowers & Hamlins' fourth annual mini-conference on building safety

Event Guide – October 2023



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Agenda

Day one – Wednesday 11 October 10.00-12.00

Topic	Speaker
Chair: Rebecca Rees, Trowers & Hamlins	
Keynote	Dame Judith Hackitt
Competency Standards and the Industry Competence Committee: an update	Richard Harral Chartered Association of Building Engineers
The practicalities of Gateway 2 to Gateway 3	Andrew Mellor PRP Architects Assad Maqbool Trowers & Hamlins
Claims for building safety defects	Tim Hillier Trowers & Hamlins Helen Stuart Trowers & Hamlins

Day two – Thursday 12 October 10.00-12.00

Topic	Speaker
Chair: Douglas Rhodes, Trowers & Hamlins	
Keynote: Outcomes of the inquiry	Pete Apps Inside Housing
Principal Accountable Person: duties and obligations explained	Amanda Stubbs Trowers & Hamlins
The data challenge for landlords: maintaining the golden thread	Katharine Saunders Trowers & Hamlins James Tickell Campbell Tickell
In-occupation costs recovery focus: Landlord Certificates and costs of compliance with the new regime	Douglas Rhodes Trowers & Hamlins

Speakers



Dame Judith Hackitt

Dame Judith Hackitt is a chemical engineer by training and spent her early career working in the chemicals industry – both in manufacturing and also as an advocate for the industry at national and international level. She is a former President of the Institution of Chemical Engineers and a Fellow and Trustee of the Royal Academy of Engineering. Throughout her career she has championed the importance of Engineering in delivering solutions which provide benefit to society and has been a role model particularly for young women wanting to enter the profession. Her current non-Exec roles are based around her continued passion for Manufacturing and Engineering. She is Chair of Enginuity, Senior Independent Non-Exec at the High Value Manufacturing Catapult and a Board member of HS2.

She cares deeply about safety in the workplace and more broadly. From 2007 to 2016 she was Chair of the Health and Safety Executive and in 2017 conducted an Independent Review for UK Government into Building Regulations and Fire Safety in the wake of the Grenfell Tower disaster. Since publishing her final report in 2018 she has continued to press for regulatory change and for industry culture change and her recommendations for radical reform of the regulatory system recently received Royal Assent in the Building Safety Act 2022.



Richard Harral FCABE

Technical Director, Chartered Association of Building Engineers

Richard Harral trained as an architect. He is a Chartered Building Engineer and is currently the Technical Director for the Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE) a professional membership organisation for construction professionals utilising engineering techniques to design, assess or operate buildings. He has experience of public and private sector practice. He has extensive experience in construction and building regulation policy and worked for 10 years within the Building Regulations Division of DCLG (now MHCLG) as a policy lead and then Head of Technical Policy.

Richard has been directly involved in developing the new framework for building safety competence as a member of the Competence Steering Group (CSG) and working groups looking at competence for Engineers, Designers and Architects and Building Control Professionals. He was technical author of BSI Flex 8670 which sets out core criteria for behavioural and technical competence for building safety in the built environment. He has recently been appointed as chair of CPB-1, the British Standard committee on competence standards for the Built Environment. He was recently appointed as a member of the Building Safety Regulator's Industry competence Committee (ICC).



Andrew Mellor
Partner, PRP Architects

Andrew is a Partner at PRP and leads PRPs' Development Consultancy and has much experience of residential development, building defect analysis and fire safety remediation. Andrew acts as an expert technical advisor to building owners, ensuring that the existing facades and internal parts are investigated for compliance, design solutions are compliant with current and future anticipated standards and that work on site is undertaken to the highest quality standards.

He is the technical lead on analytical impact and policy review work for DLUHC and the Welsh Government including the Building Safety Act, second stairs, the 11-18m buildings proportionate risk review and internal passive fire safety risk evaluation projects. His team has developed efficient and accurate methods of assessing building safety risk at desktop, visual and intrusive survey level.



Pete Apps
Deputy Editor, Inside Housing

Pete Apps is deputy editor at Inside Housing and the author of the Orwell Prize winning book *Show Me The Bodies*, which describes the causes of the Grenfell Tower fire.

He has written extensively about the social housing sector, with a particular focus on building safety for many years and has seen his work published in *Private Eye*, *The Sunday Times*, *The Spectator*, *The Guardian* and many other outlets.



James Tickell
Partner, Campbell Tickell

James is a founding partner of consultancy Campbell Tickell, active in sectors including housing, charities and government.

He originally trained as an architect, and previously worked at The Refugee Council, the Housing Corporation and the National Housing Federation. He has written various books on housing-related subjects, and also on the Maya and Inca civilisations.



Rebecca Rees

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Rebecca is a partner and Head of Public Procurement. She also leads the cross-firm Building a Safer Future team at Trowers & Hamlins. Rebecca is a leading national expert in public procurement law, consistently ranked as among the world's leading government contracts lawyers (Who's Who Legal and Chambers and Partners).

Rebecca has significant experience in advising clients in the public, private and third sectors on public procurement, subsidy control and building safety strategy issues. She advises clients on procurement strategy and structures, how to conduct flexible and compliant procurement procedures and compile objective and transparent evaluation models and guidance.

With particular interests in value-led procurement, social value and building safety, Rebecca is a member of the Working Group 11 for Procurement Competency, part of the Competency Steering Group (CSG), set up by the Industry Response Group (IRG) to tackle competency failings identified in the Hackitt Review, Building a Safer Future and sits on DLUHC's Procurement Advisory Group. Rebecca also represents Trowers & Hamlins on the Social Value in Housing Taskforce, led by HACT, which focuses on the further development of robust measurement and management of social value outcomes.



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Amanda has specialised in health, safety and environmental law for close on 35 years, with particular expertise in helping public and private sector organisations to manage their contractual risk exposure through their project work, property acquisitions and management and procurement of services. A large amount of her time is also spent advising organisations on statutory compliance, most recently focussed on building and fire safety, as well as crisis management following adverse incidents with significant organisational implications such as criminal prosecution risk, regulatory downgrade and reputational damage.



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Doug acts for clients across the public and private sectors, including residential and commercial property developers and property companies, housing associations, public authorities, title indemnity insurers, institutional pension funds, private individuals, entrepreneurs and occupiers of commercial and residential property.

He specialises in development disputes (e.g restrictive covenants, adverse possession, rights of way, party wall issues), rights of light, service charges and leasehold management, contentious trusts, land transaction disputes and commercial and residential landlord and tenant.



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Assad advises commercial clients and public sector bodies on construction and projects.

He negotiates and drafts development agreements, building and engineering contracts and professional appointments. He has particular experience of advising on alliancing partnering and framework agreements. He advises on all aspects of education sector projects and also specialises in advising on large-scale social housing refurbishment schemes. Assad also specialises in advising on the integration of technology into construction projects.



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Tim advises on cases relating to residential developments, transport infrastructure (highways, rail, air and seaports), oil and gas refineries, sports stadia, hotels, power and desalination plants, water treatment, health care and waste to energy facilities. He also advises on the mitigation and avoidance of litigation risk as project counsel.

Tim regularly leads multi-disciplined professional teams in complex and high value disputes concerning issues of delay, variations, loss and expense, design and other professional liability, final account resolution, defect remediation and insurance.



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Helen has extensive experience in advising a diverse range of clients in relation to all contentious construction matters. As well as court proceedings, Helen has experience of resolving claims through all forms of alternative dispute resolution processes including adjudication, mediation and expert determination.

Helen has particular experience in advising clients on fire-safety related defects and building safety-related issues such as grant funding. Helen sat as a member of the National Housing Federations' panel of experts to advise its members in relation to cladding and fire related issues and drafted a note of advice to members on possible construction claims.



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Katie is particularly known for her work with housing providers in the UK in procuring regeneration, investment and asset management projects.

She is a Board Member of The Housing Forum and Chair of the Manchester Constructing Excellence Best Practice Club and regularly speaks at construction and housing conferences on procurement and construction best practice including MMC. She was part of The Housing Forum working group reporting on Stopping Building Failures as a response to the Dame Judith Hackitt review in 2018 and led the procurement working group on MMC for affordable housing developers in 2019. She contributed to the 2020 Mark Farmer and HTA report on Build Homes Build Jobs Build Innovation on the importance of structuring procurements and contracts carefully to deliver MMC projects.

Katie specialises in supporting her clients through the procurement process to select providers and drafting suitable framework agreements and delivery contracts. Katie is often called upon for her understanding of alliancing and partnering forms of contract.

For more information on the Building Safety Act 2022, download our [Building Safety Act essential guide](#).