

LAND WITH CERTAINTY CONFERENCE

Exploring the **consistency** and **continuity** of land referencing throughout the consenting lifecycle of projects

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10:30 – 16:30

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MESSAGE FROM THE SOLR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Welcome, and thank you for joining us for the second Land with Certainty conference, following the success of last year's inaugural event.

When we first founded the Society, our vision was to create a strong, collective and representative voice for the land referencing profession, ensuring our discipline has a place at the table alongside the many other disciplines working together to delivery infrastructure projects. It has taken time to establish this platform, but through conferences like this, we are proud to demonstrate that land referencing is not only an industry in its own right, but also a rewarding and vital career path.

Today, we are delighted to be joined by representatives from more than 20 organisations. Your presence reflects both the breadth of land referencing's involvement across projects and the recognition of its growing importance within the wider sector.

We are pleased to present a diverse programme of speakers from across industries, each of whom interacts with land referencing in different ways. Collectively, they will highlight the essential role our profession plays throughout the lifecycle of a project.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) for hosting us in this outstanding venue, and for their support since our inception. We are also deeply grateful to the volunteers who have worked tirelessly to make this event possible, and to our sponsors Ardent, Blackhall & Powis, Mott MacDonald, Pandell and WSP, as well as Apogee for providing the printed materials.

If you would like to become more involved with the Society or any of its committees, please feel free to speak with a committee member today, or contact us at hello@solr.org.uk. If you are not yet a member, we warmly invite you to join via solr.org.uk/join.

Once again, thank you for being here today. We look forward to your participation in future Society events.

Mark Aanensen, Simon Harth and Chris Simpson.





THE SOCIETY OF LAND REFERENCERS

SoLR is a modern and inclusive, not for profit member organisation. SoLR brings together people who deliver and people who benefit from the practice of Land Referencing, to form a **community**, facilitate the growth of our **industry** and support **careers**.

As a practice, land referencing includes a diverse range of skills and disciplines in research, communication and digital and we welcome members from all of these. We facilitate ties and engagement with complementary professional bodies and disciplines, acting as a conduit to wider networks and personal development opportunities.

As a society, we are run by our members, for our members. Our core objectives are identified and coordinated by committees made up of SoLR members.

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MORNING AGENDA



All day

Chair

Jim Harvey (The Message Business)



10:40 - 10:55

Optioneering (Land inputs into the optioneering process and technology) **Duncan O'Connor** (Partner, TLT LLP)



10:55 - 11:15

Optioneering (Land inputs into the optioneering process and technology) **Adam Anyszewski** (Co-founder and CPO, Continuum Industries (Optioneer)



11:15 - 12:30

Panel discussion (Setting up your project for success

Tom Dix (Project Director, Turner & Townsend)



Ashley Parry Jones (Head of Land, WSP)



Adam Lakin (Project Director Bentley Project Management)



Caitlin Wentworth (Lands Senior Project Manager at



12:30 - 13:30

Lunch (main hall)

ABOUT OUR MORNING SPEAKERS



Duncan O'Connor is a planning lawyer and partner in the Infrastructure Planning and Parliamentary team at TLT. He advises public and private sector promoters on securing planning consents for major projects, particularly under the Planning Act and Transport and Works Act. Duncan provides strategic and technical advice on all aspects of the planning process, including environmental impact assessment, compulsory acquisition, order drafting and negotiating agreements with affected parties. He leads large teams of specialist lawyers to guide clients through the planning process, including representing them at hearings and inquiries. Duncan's focus is the transport sector and he has advised on some of the largest and most complex projects in the UK including East West Rail, Silvertown tunnel and Heathrow airport third runway.



Adam Anyszewski is one of co-founders and CPO at Continuum Industries, whose work spans over anything to do with the company's core product, Optioneer, and its implementation and roll-out with customer organisations. Coming from an Electrical and Mechanical Engineering educational background (MEng @ University of Edinburgh, 2018), Adam has entered infrastructure development space together with Continuum Industries, initially looking at railway infrastructure. Over time the company re-focused its efforts towards water resilience infrastructure, and eventually, supporting the development of offshore grids, onshore transmission, renewable energy projects and hydrogen networks. As the product and services developed, Adam's interests grew beyond engineering aspects of project development and spatial planning, including considerations around streamlining consent and land management. Although not an expert in 'land' as such, Adam brings in an interesting perspective built around a holistic, multi-disciplinary approach to system planning and future network development. He is looking forward to connecting with experts in the field, while sharing his own experiences from building up a digital product that was used to design over 80,000km of projects across 15+ countries.

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Tom Dix is an experienced Project Director with deep expertise in major infrastructure delivery across the UK. He has successfully led diverse teams through complex projects, including the DCO phases of Heathrow's Expansion Programme and the Environment Agency's River Thames Scheme. With first-hand experience managing stakeholder relationships and navigating land interests, Tom brings valuable insights into integrating land referencing into robust delivery models. Tom will draw on practical lessons from these high-profile schemes, highlighting the importance of collaboration with landowners and the pivotal role of land referencing in successful project outcomes.



Ashley Parry Jones has had a leading role in the land referencing industry for the past 32 years. He has led land referencing teams delivering some of the highest profile projects the industry has been challenged with, including HS2, Heathrow Expansion, Dublin MetroLink, Tideway Tunnel, Crossrail, Thameslink and the Channel Tunnel Rail Link (HS1) as well as Silvertown Tunnel, M4 J3-12, Manston and Luton Airports, National Grid interconnector projects, West Coast Route Modification; Nottingham Tram; Edinburgh's and Glasgow's Tram and Airport Rail Link schemes and many other projects.

Ashley has written and presented on the technical aspects of land referencing and is co-author of the land referencing sections of the National Infrastructure Planning Handbook 2022. He is also Vice President – Professional of the Royal Geographical Society.

ABOUT OUR MORNING SPEAKERS



Adam Lakin has over 15 years of industry experience and over 10 years of experience in highways, working for, or on behalf of, local authorities. The majority of that time has been focussed on the delivery of major capital schemes such as the A1461 North Hykeham Relief Road, A606 Melton Mowbray Distributor Road, A614/A6097 Growth Corridor and the A6211 Gedling Access Road. Adam works on all aspects of project delivery from inception to construction including matters relating to design, planning, land assembly as well as construction and maintenance. He has considerable experience in highways orders and compulsory purchase orders.



Caitlin Wentworth has over 12 years of experience Project Managing lands and stakeholder workstreams for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects. Caitlin is currently leading a team of land specialists to deliver vital National Grid projects both in development and construction and prior to this she has worked at National Highways, most notably on the A303 Stonehenge Tunnel project. Caitlin has a passion for building strong and enduring relationships with those impacted by our projects and whose input and voice is critical to the success of Nationally significant infrastructure projects. She has extensive experience of setting a clear strategic vision and working collaboratively with our supply chain to achieve successful outcomes from route selection to the implementation of land rights and beyond.



FEEDBACK

Please complete this short survey, tear out the page and leave it on your seat. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code to complete it on your phone.



1. How satisfied were you with the Land with Certainty conference?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Not Satisfied					Very Satisfied				

2. How likely are you to attend a SoLR conference in the future?

Will not attend	Not likely	Unsure	Likely	Would attend
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3. How would you rate the diversity of speaker topics?

Not diverse	Slightly diverse	Unsure	Fairly diverse	Extremely diverse
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4. What additional topics would you like to be covered in future conferences?

5. How would you rate the venue?

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Not Suitable					Very Suitable				

6. Did you find the event useful for professional networking?

Yes	No
Additional comments:	

7. What was your favourite part of the Land with Certainty conference?

8. Do you have any additional feedback?

FEEDBACK



COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

The SoLR Standards and Ethics Committee supports and promotes the land referencing profession. It seems reasonable that, as an industry authority on land referencing, SoLR should establish accepted definitions that clearly describe our work. The Standards Sub-Committee will consider what standards might be usefully required and attempt to define, maintain and share these. It will not however involve itself in the determination of appropriate methodologies to achieve these standards as these are a matter for individual practitioners and land referencing firms.

This Committee, chaired by Ashley Parry Jones, has been busy developing some of the required structures SoLR requires to conduct its business in a robust and transparent manner.

The Committee's work also extends to the development of industry consultation responses on behalf of SoLR to ensure our specialist, professional voice is heard in our industry. However the Committee's main activity is the development of industry standards. This work is ongoing and had focussed on the conceptual standards applicable to all land referencing work.

These conceptual standards will be complemented with jurisdictional standards that will capture best practices applicable regionally under the processes required in England, Wales, Scotland, N Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

The Standards & Ethics Committee is always seeking support, especially for the development of regionally applicable standards.

If you are interested in contributing please contact ashley.parryjones@wsp.com



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Azhar Husain
Account director

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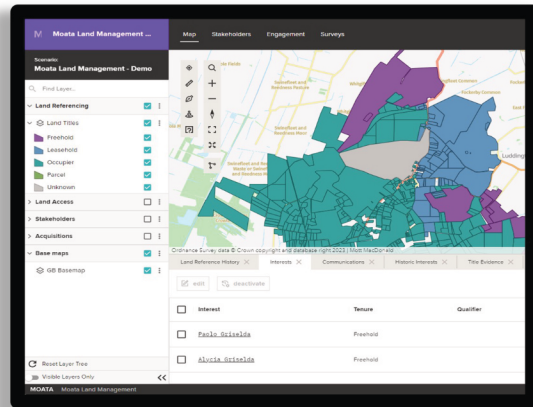
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Our land advisory team are **land rights and engagement specialists**. We combine the right people, processes, tools, and specialist experience to provide **technical excellence across transportation, water, environment, energy, defence, and buildings and cities**. Beyond our expertise is our commitment to those affected by land development. We care about the communities we work in and have a priority to engage with people and respect their relationship with their environment.

Our land advisory experts identify and proactively engage with stakeholders, communities and organisations and their **legal interest and rights over land** which is due to be developed. We ensure their rights are heard and respected. Acting as a **consistent point of contact**, we bridge the gap of communication between affected parties and the broader project delivery disciplines.

Our team is aligned with Mott MacDonald's **Domain x Digital** approach, meaning **our industry expertise** in delivering land advisory services, is underpinned by the Moata Land Management solution, allowing our team to optimise their capability.



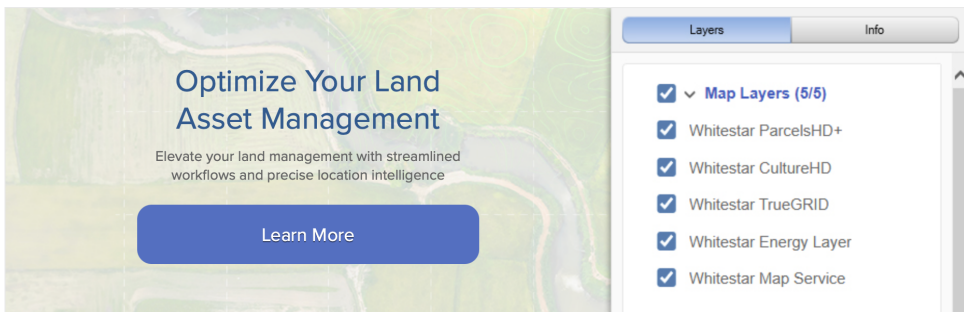
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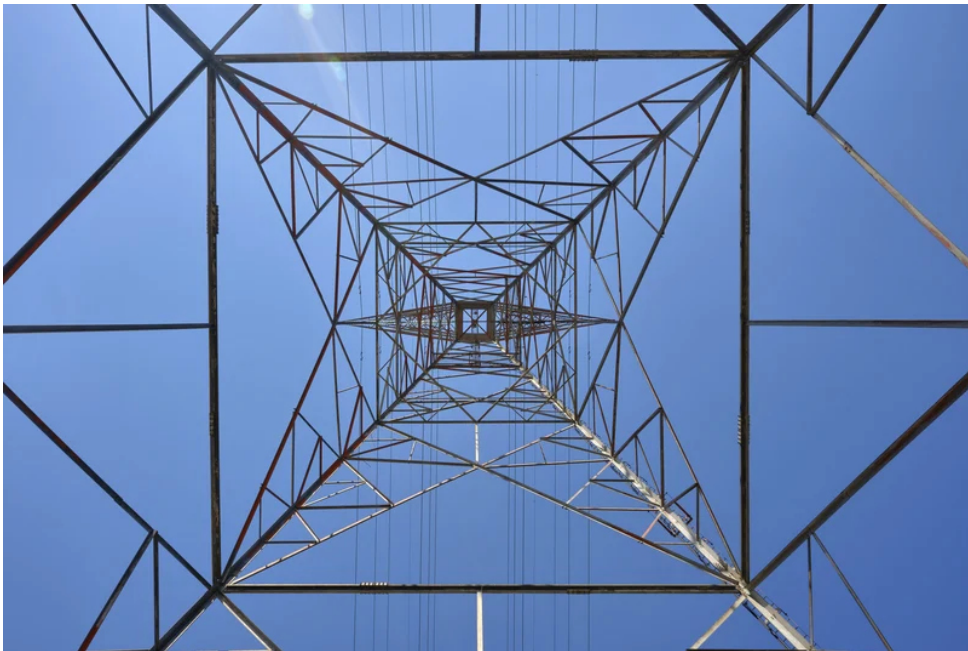


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Keen supporters of the Society of Land Referencers, we are committed to excellence in our industry, including through the development and promotion of industry-wide standards and ethics in the delivery of infrastructure projects.

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AFTERNOON AGENDA

13:30 - 14:40



Post-Submission to Consent (Managing Relationships post-submission into construction)

Olivia White (Director, Cavendish Consulting) &



Tom Mothersole (Associate Director, Counter Context)



14:30 - 15:00

Refreshments (main hall)

15:10 - 15:45



Delivery (Land Team role in delivery)

Martin Follmer (Community Engagement Manager at Kier)



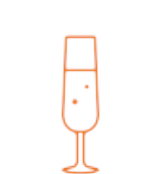
15:45 - 16:10

Q&A



16:10 - 16:25

Society of Land Referencers Board



16:30 - 21:00

Evening reception, drinks and snacks

The Tattershall Castle

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ABOUT OUR AFTERNOON SPEAKERS



Olivia White has extensive experience leading communications and stakeholder engagement on infrastructure and energy projects, with specific focus on nationally significant infrastructure projects. She is currently overseeing the consultation and engagement work on a number of solar, carbon capture and energy transmission projects across the north west.

Olivia has worked on a range of high-profile and challenging projects, including the proposed Bradwell B nuclear power station, Crossrail and A303 Stonehenge and is passionate about working with communities, politicians and stakeholders to build awareness, interest and involvement in complex projects.



Over the last decade, **Tom Mothersole** has designed and delivered consultation and engagement strategies for high-profile and locally sensitive projects across the built environment. This has included supporting a series of nationally significant renewable energy projects, critical water infrastructure, and major transport schemes such as HS2.

Tom's role is focussed on helping developers to speak clearly, act strategically, and listen well.



After finishing his degree, **Martin Follmer** joined British Gas as a customer service consultant. In this role, he developed strong empathy skills to deliver excellent service while working to KPIs.

Following a decade in the catering industry, where he managed large-scale events, Martin moved into a customer services manager role for Kier Highways Area 9, helping to ensure that maintenance and improvements on the network were as seamless as possible for local residents and road users.

A TUPE transfer then brought Martin to National Highways, before he seized the opportunity to join Skanska's M42 Junction 6 improvements team .

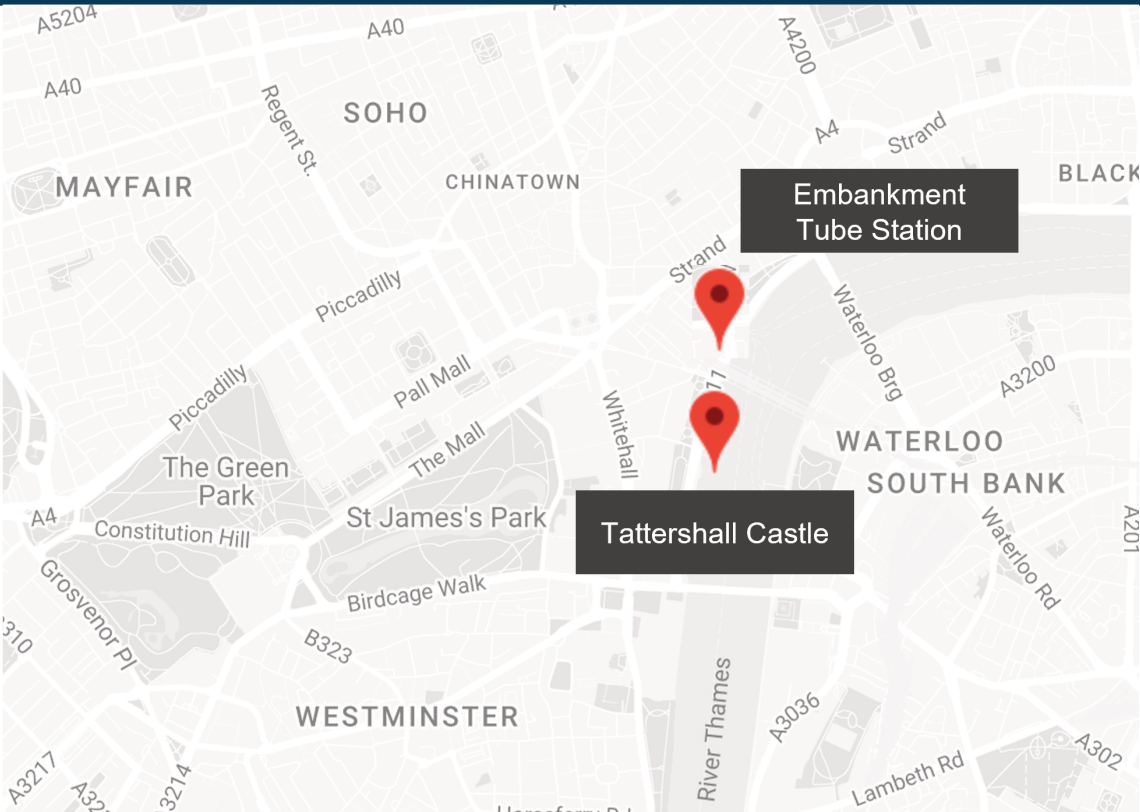
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We would like to extend our special thanks to the following people who volunteered their time for making our conference happen:

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- **Tom Dix** (Turner and Townsend)
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- **Sarah Joss** (Mott MacDonald)
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- **Tom Mothersole** (Counter Context)
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- **Royal Geographical Society (with IBG)**
- **Chris Simpson** (Mott MacDonald)
- **Sukhdip Somal** (Ardent)
- **Caitlin Wentworth** (National Grid)
- **Olivia White** (Cavendish Consulting)
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