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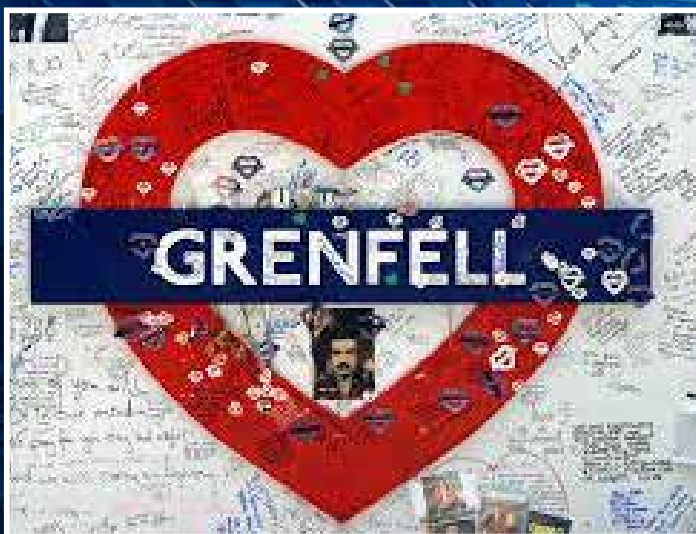
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## Conference welcome

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**COLIN BLATCHFORD**

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### CONFERENCE DIRECTOR



HSE is pleased to attend and open today's Tall Building Construction Fire Safety conference 2023.

2023 represents a pivotal and important period in the implementation of the provisions of the Building Safety Act, and the scale of the changes this represents is significant. The journey that HSE has been on over the last few years in developing the Building Safety Regulator has been considerable.

BSR will create lasting change by

overseeing a new and much needed regulatory regime, making it clear how tall residential buildings in England should be designed, constructed, and maintained safely. The new regulator is a positive force for change and will both support and enforce to ensure that all sectors of the built environment industry step up to their responsibilities.

BSR commences many of its new duties in overseeing industry standards and competence this year - so our message to delegates is "the time to act is now". Industry has a critical role to support the new regulatory framework and we must all play our part in realising and understanding why industry needs to act, and act now to ensure that competence and accountability are at the heart of construction activity across the built environment.

We have worked hard in developing the BSR's regulatory programme and duties, which includes successfully introducing Planning Gateway One – the first of the regulator's three important gateway points. Last month, April 2023, the BSR began its regulatory operations, with the commencement of the mandatory registration of high-rise buildings. This means that from October building owners and managers will be legally responsible for managing fire and structural risks in their higher-risk buildings and should start to prepare their safety cases to demonstrate how fire and structural safety risks are managed and controlled.

There are also changes to Building Control. From October this year, BSR will become the building control body for the construction and refurbishment of higher-risk buildings. We will expect projects to demonstrate how they will ensure build quality and safety; with a firm eye on the intended use of the building once it is occupied. And from April 2024 BSR will regulate the building control profession - through the registration of building control approvers and building inspectors. This will level the playing field by applying these measures to both private and public sectors – ensuring consistent, professional, and high-quality building control services for all building work.



# Conference Agenda

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# High Rise Construction Fire Safety Conference

Tuesday 16th May 2023



## TUESDAY 16TH MAY 2023

### HIGH RISE CONSTRUCTION FIRE SAFETY CONFERENCE

- 08:45** Registration Opens
- 09:00** Delegate Networking with Tea and Coffee sponsored by C-Tec Fire Alarms
- 09:45** Conference room opens
- 09:55** All Delegates Seated
- 10:00 – 10:10** Housekeeping and Notices  
Chair for the morning session – Debbie Clarkson – CEO CHSG
- 10:10 – 10:30** Opening Address – Colin Blatchford HSE
- 10:30 – 11:00** Mark Cooper – Wates Construction London – HSG 168, FPOCS V 10 – 'What's Changed?'
- 11:10 – 11:40** Steve Rudge, Technical and Delivery Manager, Symetri – Tackling the Building Safety Act & FIREie on a live project
- 11:40 – 12:10** Steve Lakin (Head of Fire Balfour Beatty) – Providing Facilities for Firefighters during High Rise Construction
- 12:10 – 12:40** Tom Gilbert (Head of Fire Lendlease) – Managing Fire Safety during 'Load Out' phase of High Rise Construction
- 12:40 – 13:00** Sponsor Presentation
- 13:00 – 14:00** Lunch break
- 14:10** All Delegates Seated  
Chair of the afternoon session – Mark London – Construction, Engineering & Procurement – Devonshires
- 14:15 – 15:00** Ray O'Brocki, Construction Fire Safety Coalition – The US Experience and NFPA 241
- 15:00 – 15:30** Matthew Pearce, Andy Lack – Skanska – Hazard of Lithium-Ion Batteries on construction sites
- 15:30 – 16:00** Dave Dexter (Practice Leader Risk Solutions at QBE Europe) – An insurer's perspective of the Fire JCoP 10th Edition'
- 16:05 – 17:10** Question Time Panel: Ray O'Brocki, Dave Dexter, Gary Neal (Head of Fire Skanska), Howard Passey (FPA)
- 17:15** Close

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# Speaker Profiles



## STEVE LAKIN (BALFOUR BEATTY)

Steve commenced his career as an operational fire fighter in Kent before becoming a Senior Officer and the eventual Deputy Chief Fire Officer in Auckland New Zealand.

During his career he attended a number of nationally significant incidents including playing a key Incident Commander role at the 2011 Christchurch earthquake.

Having served the community for 30 years, Steve became the Head of Fire Safety at Heathrow and is now the Head of Fire for one of the UK's largest construction company. Steve has a 38 year career in protecting the public, fire safety and fire safety management. "At Balfour Beatty we challenged the business and have changed the culture so that we have competent people who hold accountability and responsibility for fire safety, that we appropriately design and build fire safe buildings, that we use tested materials and we build things in the right way"



## RAY O'BROCKI

RAYMOND O'BROCKI, CBO, is the Manager of Fire Service Relations for the American Wood Council. Before that he was the Chief Building Official for the City of Rockville, MD. He retired as the Assistant Fire Chief the Baltimore City Fire Department in 2013.

He was appointed fire marshal for Baltimore City in 2008. O'Brocki has served on the Maryland State Child Care Advisory Council, Maryland State Fire Code Update Committee, State Fire Marshals Legislative Working Group in Annapolis and the steering committee for the Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference. He has served on the NFPA Urban Fire Safety Task Force and has presented at the National Fire Academy. He is currently a sitting member of the NFPA 1 technical committee. O'Brocki is a graduate of the University of Baltimore School of Law and a licensed attorney.



## GARY NEAL (SKANSKA)

Gary Neal Head of Fire – Skanska UK A seasoned construction industry professional with almost 45 years' experience under his belt – 35 of which working in fire safety – Gary is Skanska UK's go-to fire expert. With a broad career spanning work in the rail sector, both above and below ground, as well as

significant building projects, Gary has put continuous learning at the heart of his approach, gaining an honours degree in Construction Site fire safety and collaborating with the London Fire Brigade and Government regulators, to remain at the forefront of evolving practice and legislation. Always looking to drive improvements, Gary's focus is on the management controls and safety measures needed to prevent risk of fire. Gary leads knowledge-sharing to ensure best practice in every part of the organisation's approach – from design to procurement and delivery of fully compliant solutions. Put simply, he drives Skanska's quality management when it comes to fire safety



## TOM GILBERT (LENLEASE)

Tom Gilbert is the European Head of Fire Risk Management at Lendlease. Tom joined Lendlease in 2019 having previously worked as an operational firefighter in the Royal Air Force, a Fire Safety Manager at Goldman Sachs International and Head of Fire Risk Management at Affinity Sutton Homes

Group. Tom has headed fire risk management output at BB7 and was Director of Fire at Frankham Consultancy Group. He has over 17 years' experience in the fire industry and understands all aspects of fire in business from quality and delivery in fire risk assessment, consultancy, training, business development, construction and special projects.

Tom is the residential lead on the International Tall Buildings Fire Safety Network, a member of the FIA Fire Risk Assessment Council and previous Chairman of the Technical Committee of the National Social Housing Fire Safety Group.



## DAVID DEXTER (QBE)

Dave joined QBE European Operations as their Casualty & Construction Risk Solutions Practice Leader in January 2020 bringing extensive experience of construction risk management to QBE after 12 years working for other insurers in a variety of risk engineering management roles.

Prior to that, Dave worked for a prominent risk management consultancy where he worked for over 15 years in a wide range of industries including construction, utilities, aerospace, heavy engineering and recycling. He previously joined the HSE Graduate training programme working for several years as one of HM Inspectors. Dave is a Chartered Safety Practitioner and a member the Construction Insurance Risk Engineering Group.



## MARK COOPER (WATES)

Mark Cooper is the London Region Safety Health and Environment Lead for Wates. Mark has significant high rise construction safety expertise gained with leading tier 1 contractors. Mark sits on the Construction Industry Advisory Committee for construction welfare and safety.



## STEVE RUDGE (SYMETRI)

Technical and Delivery Manager, Symetri Having previously worked for Morgan Sindall, Steve has been in a multi-disciplined design and build environment for 24 years. He has a vast knowledge of the problems that can be encountered on projects of all sizes and provides suitable solutions. Steve's

primary expertise lies in the design, construction and management workflow of information and technology requirements to ensure a project meets the full requirements and data is reused through the delivery. Steve acts as the Project BIM manager and information manager for Symetri's clients and helps them de-risk and deliver the project to meet the full defined requirements.

# Delegate Joining Instructions

## KEY POINTS

- The conference will take place at Excel, conference centre London;
- The conference will take place with the rules and precautions for Covid - 19 prevailing at the time;
- Dress code is smart casual;
- You do not need a ticket – you will be checked in at conference reception;
- You will notice that the delegate fee has been reduced significantly from the last conference.  
This is because we will not be providing lunch as part of the conference;
- There are plenty of catering options/outlets available at Excel to meet all dietary requirements and budgets;
- Bring plenty of business cards for networking;
- Copies of the powerpoint presentations will be circulated after the conference (where permission has been given);
- Given current security threat, please bring some form of Photo ID.

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Underground – Jubilee line to Canning Town and change onto DLR Emirates Airline Cable Car – Join at North Greenwich tube.  
The new Queen Elizabeth line also has a dedicated stop at Excel.

General visitor information: [www.excel.london/visit](http://www.excel.london/visit)

## WHERE IS THE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION?

- The conference registration area will open at 09:00 on each day of the conference;
- Enter Excel from either the main entrance (if coming by DLR), or staircases (if travelling by car).  
You will see that the main concourse is divided into North areas and South areas by number;
- The registration area can be accessed by entrance **S1 (South 1)** inside the main concourse area;
- There will be staff on hand to guide you, and signs. Look out for Tall Building Fire Conference banners.

## CONTACT CONFERENCE DIRECTOR

CONTACT CONFERENCE TEAM: +44 07821 885785 if you have any questions on the days 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May.  
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# Speaker Profiles



**MATTHEW PEARCE**  
CMIOSH MIFSM

A Chartered Health and Safety manager for Skanska building with 16 years' relevant experience and many more working within the construction trade industry. Matthew has been employed by Skanska Building for the last 12 years overseeing the principal contractor

role, supporting several major and complex high-rise construction projects.

Aside to Matthew's health and safety role he has a keen interest in fire safety, achieving the CHSG diploma in fire risk management and construction fire risk assessment. Matthew has been advocating the need for improved fire safety standards within the business and chairs the fire safety in construction steering group. This aims to keep abreast of legislative and relevant guidance changes and the implementation of improved fire safety and preventative standards during the construction phase.



**ANDY LACK**  
BSC (HONS), GRADIOSH, MIFSM

Andy has been working as a H&S professional in the construction sector with over 10 years' experience. He is currently the H&S lead at Skanska's 20 -22 Ropemaker St (25 storey high rise construction project) In Moorgate, London.

Andy has a passion for effective fire safety management not only on a day-to-day basis but has been instrumental to revising Skanska's existing fire management processes and procedures. He sits alongside Matthew in Skanska's Fire Safety in Construction Steering Group and is also involved in the implementation of the Building Safety Act (BSA) chaired by Gary Neal within Skanska UK.



**COLIN BLATCHFORD**

Colin has worked in the building control profession for over 30 years in both the public and private sectors, working on a variety of projects, including high rise residential and commercial developments as well as involvement with Hinkley Point C nuclear power station. Colin has also provided technical

training for the RIBA and RICS, is an RICS APC Chairman and Assessor as well as being an RICS Registered Expert Witness. Colin's role within the Building Safety Programme is to lead the operational policy development for the building control function for higher risk buildings.



**MARK LONDON**  
CONSTRUCTION, ENGINEERING &  
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Mark leads Devonshires' stellar team which has particular expertise in fire safety and building defect claims for high rise buildings.

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## HOWARD PASSEY

Howard joined the FPA in 1992 and has held a multitude of roles as the organisation has grown including Training/Information Officer, Principal Consultant, and Director of Operations. He trained formally as a land surveyor before spending 8 years in the construction industry in his early career and

has since spent considerable time in the FPA's fire advisory division. Howard is among our most experienced and respected fire risk assessors.

Working closely with the FPA Board and leadership team, Howard is responsible for ensuring that the FPA delivers its mission as the UK's national fire safety organisation; proactively addressing the causes of the industry whilst upholding the FPA's values. His varied and thorough knowledge ensures that the needs of our customers and the industry remain the focus of the FPA's objectives and wider initiatives to move the fire safety agenda forwards by improving standards and best practice.

Howard has a BEng (Hons) in Fire Engineering and is a Member of the Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE), a Fellow of the Institute of Fire Safety Managers (IFSM), and is registered at Tier 3 on the Nationally Accredited Fire Risk Assessors Register (NFRAR).

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<b>FULL DELEGATE</b> <b>'Green' Fire Safety Issues Conference (17th May 2023)</b>	£375.00	£16.36	£78.27
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