**Commission on Travel Demand Launch and Evening Debate**

**Tuesday 7th March 2017 17.30-18.45**

**“This house believes that forecasting has had its day”**

The Commission on Travel Demand is an expert group established as part of a Research Councils UK End Use Energy Demand initiative. It will explore the changing demand for transport, the reasons for these changes and debate new approaches to planning for and shaping demand futures which support social and economic progress whilst being consistent with our environmental obligations. As part of its first evidence session on how the sector understands demand today and demand futures, the Commission will host an open evening debate on the role of forecasting in transport planning.

The format for the evening will be a short introduction to the Commission and its work followed by half an hour where four of the Commissioners will put forward arguments for and against the motion. The floor will then be open for questions, contentions and propositions from the audience before a final summing up and vote on the motion. This will be followed by a drinks reception.

The Commission on Travel Demand comprises:

Professor Greg Marsden (University of Leeds and Chair), John Dales (Urban Movement), Hilary Holden (Cambridgeshire County Council), Peter Jones OBE (UCL) Alistair Kirkbride (CarPlus) Elaine Seagriff (Independent), Dr Nicola Spurling (Lancaster University)

**Drinks Reception**

This event will be followed by a drinks reception for the Commission launch.

**Location**

Rm 1.11, [Institute for Transport Studies](http://www.its.leeds.ac.uk/map/) (ITS), 34-40 University Road, University of Leeds. LS2 9JT

**Booking**

Please contact [Zoe Clough](mailto:z.clough@Leeds.ac.uk) if you would like to attend this event.

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