

CONFERENCE



UK & I Telecoms Conference

Powering progress: Valuation, connectivity and innovation in telecoms

Millenium Point, Curzon Street, Birmingham, B4 7AP

18th November 2025

**Type of event**

Face to face

**CPD Hours**5.5
Formal

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The RICS Telecoms Conference returns in 2025 with a forward-looking programme designed to equip professionals with the insight, tools, and strategic understanding needed to navigate a rapidly evolving telecoms landscape. From legal developments and valuation challenges to AI, data centers, and digital infrastructure, this year's agenda is packed with expert-led sessions tailored to surveyors, valuers, legal professionals, and infrastructure specialists.

Key sessions include a unique look at legal cases from inside the courts, an in-depth exploration of telecoms liability under the Building Safety Act, and a vital update on how AI is reshaping network management and customer service. Our panel on data centres and connectivity will tackle the infrastructure demands shaping the future of telecoms, while other sessions offer clarity on alternative dispute resolution, connected building valuation, and the latest industry support initiatives.

The Telecoms Conference 2025 is your opportunity to stay ahead of change, sharpen your expertise, and connect with a network of peers and influencers driving the future of digital connectivity. Whether you're looking to reduce legal risk, improve valuation strategy, or capitalise on innovation, this is the event that brings it all together.



Time zone:

GMT

8:00

Coffee & registration

9:00

Chair's opening remarks

Speaker(s): Philip Morris FRICS, Director, 4M Properties Group

9:10

Expert evidence in telecoms: Thoughts from the Upper Tribunal

A unique perspective from a valuer with experience at the Upper Tribunal on the role and handling of expert evidence in telecoms cases. This session will offer practical insights into how valuation and technical evidence is assessed, common pitfalls, and how experts can better support the decision-making process in complex telecoms disputes.

Speaker(s): Diane Martin TD MRICS FAAV, Member, Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber)

9:55

The rise of AI and automation: Shaping tomorrow's workforce

Explore how artificial intelligence and automation are transforming the telecoms landscape and reshaping the roles of surveyors and related professionals. This session will highlight emerging technologies, their impact on workforce skills, and strategies to stay ahead in an evolving industry.

Speaker(s): Yasmin Podesta, Director of Data and Innovation, Dalcour Maclaren

10:30

Morning break

11:00

Data Centres and Telecoms: Infrastructure, Acquisition, and Connectivity Demands

As digital infrastructure scales to meet rising demand, data centres play an increasingly central role in supporting telecoms networks. This panel will explore the intersection of data centres and telecoms from multiple angles — including site acquisition challenges, power and energy requirements, and the connectivity demands driving current and future deployments.

Speaker(s): Paul Rhodes, Wireless Network and EdgeDC Expert, Real-Wireless



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11:40

Valuation and occupier benefits of connected buildings

As demand for digital connectivity grows, landlords and developers are increasingly asking: does connectivity add value? This session explores how digital infrastructure—from fibre to in-building networks—affects property valuation and what tangible benefits occupiers gain from connected buildings. Drawing on valuation insights and market trends, our panel will unpack the link between digital readiness and real estate performance.

Speaker(s): Sanjaya Ranasinghe, Vice President, Research & Development, Wired Score

12:05

Building the infrastructure of the future

Discover how diversity drives innovation in telecoms infrastructure. This session examines how inclusive teams and varied perspectives are shaping the design, delivery, and sustainability of tomorrow's networks.

Speaker(s): Belinda Fawcett, General Counsel and Director of Property and Estates, Cornerstone

12:40

Lunch

13:40

NCA Update and Industry support

This session will provide the latest updates from the National Connectivity Alliance (NCA), highlighting current initiatives, policy engagement, and support available to industry stakeholders. We'll reflect on key themes from the day, share opportunities for continued collaboration, and outline next steps for driving forward digital infrastructure and connectivity goals.

Speaker(s): Carlos Pierce, Chair, NCA



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Alternative Dispute Resolution in Telecoms

This session explores how mediation, arbitration, and expert determination are being used in telecoms-related conflicts—from infrastructure access to commercial agreements.

Speaker(s): Philip Morris FRICS, Director, 4M Properties Group

14:20

WHP - Strengthening the UK's telecommunications future

WHP Telecoms will provide an overview of their role as one of the UK's leading providers of end-to-end telecoms infrastructure services. Their address will highlight WHP's integrated approach to network planning and delivery, showcase major projects and nationwide operations, and outline their commitment to quality, safety, and innovation in supporting the UK's digital future.

14:55

Afternoon break

15:25

Telecom networks in the AI age: Innovation, automation and advantage

Artificial Intelligence is reshaping the telecoms landscape—from network optimisation and predictive maintenance to customer experience and operational efficiency.

16:00

Telecoms and building safety: Understanding liabilities under the Building Safety Act

With the Building Safety Act now in force, building owners and telecoms operators are facing new questions about risk and responsibility. This session explores how telecoms equipment on high-risk buildings may trigger compliance concerns, what each party's obligations are, and how to reduce liability through informed planning.

Speaker(s): Stewart Kerr, Senior Consultant, Pennington Choices

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We are RICS. Everything we do is designed to effect positive change in the built and natural environments. Through our respected global standards, leading professional progression and our trusted data and insight, we promote and enforce the highest professional standards in the development and management of land, real estate, construction and infrastructure. Our work with others provides a foundation for confident markets, pioneers better places to live and work and is a force for positive social impact.

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