

# Thameslink Programme – the challenges and successes

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As the Thameslink Programme draws to a conclusion this presentation will reflect back on the last 10 years, the key construction achievements and how the elements of the Programme have been successfully integrated to deliver the overall business benefits. It will draw out how collaboration has been fundamental to the delivery of the London Bridge area works and the contribution of digital railway technology to achieving the required capacity through the centre of London.



## Speaker

**Simon Blanchflower**, Major Programme Director - Thameslink

Simon Blanchflower is Network Rail's Major Programme Director for the Thameslink Programme. His involvement in major rail projects dates back 20 years having been involved with Heathrow Express, Terminal 5 Rail Projects and Crossrail. He first joined the Thameslink Programme in 2007 and at that stage was responsible for the leadership of several functional teams including engineering, consents, environment and sponsorship. He led the planning application process for London Bridge station and the new train depots and in 2010 worked with the Department for Transport to secure the funding for the Programme as part of the post-election comprehensive spending review. He left the Programme

between 2012 and 2014 to become the Director of Route Asset Management for Network Rail's Kent Route before re-joining Thameslink in August 2014 as the Major Programme Director to lead the delivery through to completion in 2018.



Simon has 36 years' experience in railway engineering, maintenance and projects; is a Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers, a Member of the Railway Civil Engineers Association and a Fellow of the Permanent Way Institution.

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