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# A smart and urban future

The Telegraph's Britain's Smart Cities conference today addresses a key issue of our time: the rapid growth of conurbations and the challenge of making them connected, sustainable and safe. More than 200 thought leaders gathered to hear inspiring speakers help set the agenda

**W**elcome to The Telegraph's third annual Britain's Smart Cities conference. This event brings together major city leaders, private-sector professionals and senior thought leaders and decision-makers as speakers and attendees, providing a unique opportunity to network with key stakeholders from across the UK and internationally. I certainly feel that no other event provides its audience with such strategic and timely insights, all of which highlights the crucial work that must be done to drive economic growth in Britain and to keep pace with the demands of connectivity, sustainability, growing populations and, increasingly, safety within an

urban environment. The Telegraph takes its role as a provider of critical business advice extremely seriously. This Britain's Smart Cities conference unites more than 200 senior thought leaders and ensures benchmarking of best practice that they can then apply to their own organisations, bringing about change. We promise an illuminating day of strategy-thinking, myth-busting debate and advice, facilitating partnerships between city councils, innovators, entrepreneurs, suppliers and the rest of the ecosystem, all under one roof. Over the course of the conference our inspiring line-up of speakers provides agenda-setting discussion. They cover the need for a national smart city

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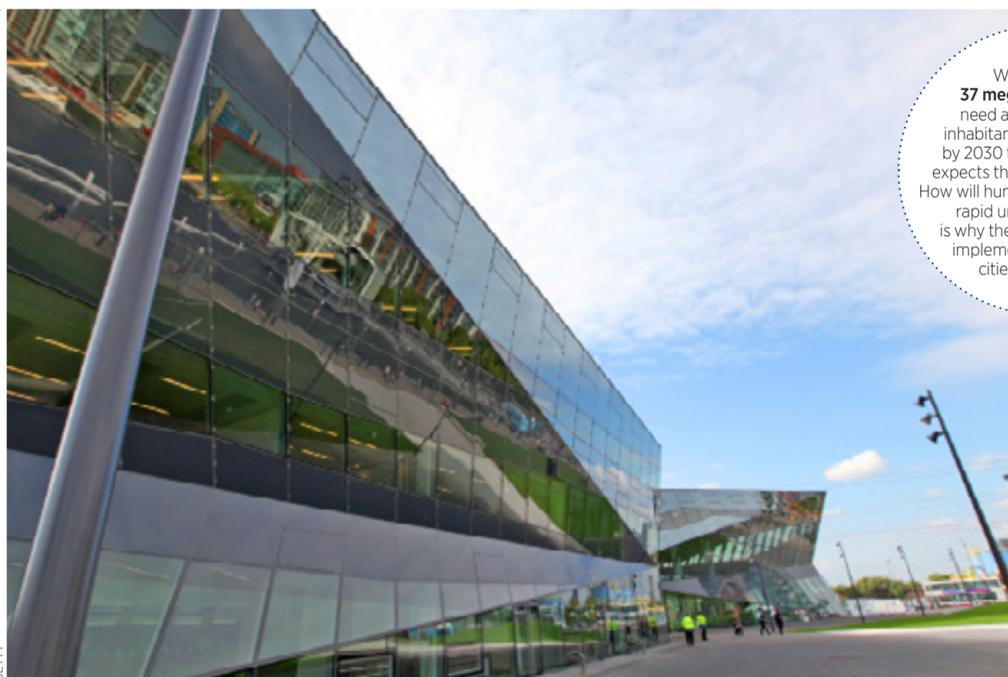
approach, digital city planning, parameters and benchmarking, future infrastructure investment in the UK – and much more. During the day, there will be sessions on the main stage as well as interactive breakout discussions to facilitate conversations between speakers and delegates on topics that are pivotal to commercial growth and success. They ensure all attendees leave the conference having interacted with one another, found inspiration, gained unique insights into industry trends and cemented valuable relationships with their peers. Headline speakers include Jesse Norman MP, parliamentary under secretary of state for roads, local transport and

devolution at the Department for Transport, Sir Peter Hendy, chairman of Network Rail, Deborah Colville, smart cities and urban innovation lead at Belfast City Council and Michael Lewis, chief executive officer of E.ON UK. There will also be senior experts from Openreach, Nottingham City Council, Nokia and Future Cities Catapult. I would like to extend my gratitude to all of the speakers for giving their time and sharing their unique insights with us. My thanks also go to our partners for the event: Arcadis, E.ON, Portman Group, Nokia, Openreach and Smart Energy GB. On behalf of The Telegraph and our partners, I hope that everyone finds the Smart Cities conference rewarding and informative.



## A POPULATION EXPLOSION

In 1881 there were approximately 1.5 billion people on the Earth; now there are 7.5 billion. At the current rate of growth, according to the latest United Nations World Population Prospects report published in June, there will be 8.6 billion of us by 2030, and an alarming 9.8 billion two decades later. By then, the vast majority of us will be living in cities. Currently we have 37 megacities – which have to have at least 10 million inhabitants to qualify – and by 2030 the UN expects there to be four more. How will humanity cope with such rapid urbanisation? This is exactly why the development and implementation of smart cities is so critical. There are many examples where major cities are lagging behind. Consider Delhi, the sprawling metropolitan area surrounding New Delhi, India's capital, with its population of 26.5 million. Decades of poorly managed growth has led to overcrowding and resulted in New Delhi



**City style** The event is being held at The Crystal at Royal Victoria Dock in London

receiving the unwanted title of "most polluted city in the world", with off-the-chart smog levels caused largely by congested road traffic.

The overarching message is clear: a head-in-the-sand approach is simply not good enough, and action is required before

it is too late. The Telegraph's third smart city conference takes place at The Crystal at Royal Victoria Dock in east London today and

seeks to address the main issues. At this year's Britain's Smart Cities, senior thought leaders and policy makers will engage in vibrant debate

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providing unique insights into the latest thinking and demonstrating new benchmarks for the industry. The event provides a unique opportunity to network with major city leaders and business figures from across the UK and the world. The key themes addressed in a packed agenda include: the new normal for smart cities; digital transformation; and the need for cross-industry collaboration. Certainly, as we hurtle towards a global population of 10 billion, we are going to need all the help that we can get.

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