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Clearway
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Together**

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Workshop Summary

September 2026



Unlocking opportunities together

Clearway brought together people from across the temporary traffic management and infrastructure system to explore how the sector can work more safely, productively, and collaboratively.

Across the day, speakers shared the pressures facing the system, examples of progress, and opportunities to improve how infrastructure work is planned and delivered.

The final workshop invited the whole community to consider one question:

What opportunity should this community unlock together over the next 12 months?

Participants discussed the question in table groups before submitting ideas through Slido, reviewing one another's contributions and voting for those they considered most important. The resulting responses were considered alongside the themes captured in the conference scribes to identify the insights that follow.



Opportunities

The appetite to collaborate is already there

The community is ready to work differently. The immediate opportunity is to convert that willingness into practical, repeatable ways of working together throughout the year.

Visibility is the foundation for coordination

People can't coordinate work they can't see. Better visibility of forward works in regions and across the system – including location, timing, ownership, and confidence – would allow clashes, shared closures, and other opportunities to be identified earlier.

Shared access does not require central control

The strongest model may be a federated one: organisations continue to own and steward their information while making the right data accessible across the system. TTM-ISG could help establish the common expectations, standards and connections that enable this.

Coordination needs to happen at several levels

Different conversations are required nationally, regionally, and within individual projects and contracts. No single forum or intervention can coordinate the whole system. The opportunity is to connect these levels so decisions and information flow between them.

Relationships are infrastructure

Data and tools will help, but coordination ultimately depends on trust, honest conversations, and people knowing who to call. Regular contact and stronger relationships are essential delivery mechanisms.

Show RCAs some love

Road controlling authorities carry significant responsibilities in an increasingly complex, constrained, and changing environment. Make progress by recognising their position, understanding their pressures, and working with them.

Collaboration needs to become business as usual

Consultation, cooperation, and coordination should be embedded in planning and delivery rather than activated only when a conflict or disruption has already emerged.

Earlier coordination creates greater value

The earlier organisations share their intentions and discuss trade-offs, the more options remain available. Late coordination often amounts to managing disruption; early coordination can reshape programmes, combine work, and avoid disruption altogether.

Stories accelerate change

Examples of successful coordination can make the desired future tangible. Gathering and sharing stories – what happened, what enabled it and what difference it made – would spread practical learning and build confidence that change is possible.

System settings shape behaviour

Procurement, funding, regulation, assurance, incentives, and commercial arrangements can either enable collaboration or work against it. Sustainable change requires these settings to reinforce the behaviours the community is being asked to adopt.

The shared purpose is better system performance

The value of coordination is safer workers and road users, less disruption, more reliable delivery, better use of constrained funding, and improved outcomes for communities.





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