

# John Sargent Lecture

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Institution of Civil Engineers, One Great George Street, London, SW1P 3AA

(Refreshments available from 17:30hrs)

# The Solent Tunnel

Presented by

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The Isle of Wight is a UK county with a population of over 140,000 people. All access to the Island is via three private ferry operators and at peak periods one-way fares can be over £100. The Island has a long legacy of cultural and industrial excellence combined with some of the most beautiful landscapes in the UK. Yet, despite this and being less than 4 miles from Portsmouth and Southampton, two of the most vibrant cities on the south coast, the Island economy is struggling. Poor accessibility is a major factor in this poor economic performance and social wellbeing.

The Solent Tunnel proposal is to construct a bored tunnel from the Isle of Wight to the M27, with an access portal at the Daedalus Enterprise Zone on the Gosport peninsula. Tim Cooper, Associate Partner at CPC Project Services and Director of Able Connections, will consider how the scheme is aligned with current government policy, and the way in which different policy options (such as land use, freight, public transport and electric vehicles) impact upon the engineering decisions.

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## **TIM COOPER**

*Tim Cooper* is a director of Able Connections Ltd (the company set up to promote and develop the Solent Tunnel) and Associate Partner at CPC Project Services LLP, one of the UK's largest project and programme management consultancies. Tim has held a number of senior client roles, including Programme Manager for TfL Planning responsible, inter alia, for the Opportunity Area studies which led to the construction of the Northern Line Extension to Battersea, and Sponsor for the £700m programme of work to upgrade Bank Station.



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