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Professor John Aston has been appointed as the Home Office's new Chief Scientific Adviser.

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Updated: Added link to project page.

Technological developments and disruptive business models will have a significant impact on how people and goods move around the UK over the coming decades. The Government Office for Science's [new Foresight project](#) will investigate how these issues will affect the transport of people and goods up to 2040.

Commenting on the project, Sir Mark Walport, Government Chief Scientific Adviser, said:

Understanding what the future of transport could hold is important for society and government.

Policy makers need to think about the longer term future of transport in order to make informed decisions today to shape the way people and goods move in the future.

The Foresight Future of Mobility project will help policy makers to think about the future of transport by providing the latest

scientific evidence and tools.

The project is developing evidence in the following areas:

- the interaction between people, technology and data
- new transport business models
- alternate transport futures

These areas will develop over the course of the project.

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Advice to the Secretary of State for BEIS on how to harness UK capability in battery research to support the industrial strategy.