

Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum Keynote Seminar:

Next steps for UK food waste policy: challenges for industry and the future of anaerobic digestion

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 17th July 2014

Venue: Congress Centre, 28 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Baroness Scott of Needham Market, Chair, EU Sub Committee D - Agriculture, Fisheries, Environment and Energy
- 9.05 - 9.20 **Progress and current trends in reducing food waste in the UK**
Dr Liz Goodwin, Chief Executive Officer, WRAP
- 9.20 - 9.30 **Co-operation in the food chain: a retail perspective**
Mark Little, Head of Food Waste Reduction, Tesco
- 9.30 - 9.40 **Working together to reduce food waste: a case study**
Sarah Ellis, Waste Minimisation Coordinator, West London Waste Authority
- 9.40 - 10.00 Question and comments from the floor
- 10.00 - 10.50 **Challenges for industry - packaging, labelling and regulation**
What progress has been made towards the Courtauld Commitment's target of a 3% reduction of food waste in the grocery supply chain by 2015, and what more should Government and industry be doing to reduce ingredient and product waste? What are the most promising innovative approaches to packaging that helps minimise both packaging and spoilage? How successful has the introduction of the Groceries Code of Practice been at reducing waste created by the misordering of food products by retailers, and what more needs to be done to improve forecasts and to protect suppliers from last minute changes to orders? To what extent would the introduction of binding EU-wide targets help the food industry achieve greater progress towards waste reduction? What more can be done to engage and inform consumers – through clearer labelling and public awareness campaigns – with food waste in light of recent research finding that British families currently throw away the equivalent of six meals a week?
Dr Julian Parfitt, Resource Policy Analyst, Anthesis Group
Simon Oxley, Food Packaging Technologist, Marks and Spencer
Jane Bickerstaffe, Director, Industry Council for Packaging and the Environment (INCPEN)
Ian Booth, Technical Director, Reynolds Catering Supplies UK
Mary McGrath, Chief Executive Officer, FoodCycle
Questions and comments from the floor with **Dr Richard Swannell**, Director of Sustainable Food Systems, WRAP
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chairman's closing remarks**
Baroness Scott of Needham Market, Chair, EU Sub Committee D - Agriculture, Fisheries, Environment and Energy
- 10.55 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Mark Pawsey MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Packaging Manufacturing Industry
- 11.25 - 11.45 **Food waste strategy: an international perspective**
Dr Henk de Jong, Agricultural Counsellor, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, London
Dr Andy Rees, Head of Waste Strategy, Department for Natural Resources, Culture and Sport, Welsh Government
- 11.45 - 12.30 **The future of anaerobic digestion and recycling of food waste as animal feed**
In what further ways can the Government and industry work together to address the challenges for building a more resource-efficient circular economy in the UK – such as influencing consumer behaviour and supporting companies to develop new recycling processes? With the number of AD plants doubling over the past two years and with more than 200 AD projects recently receiving planning permission, what more should Government be doing to help support growth, and address concerns such as the lack of storage for digestate? Following criticism that AD funding has been too weighted towards large scale AD sites, what more does Government need to do to provide greater financial support to small-scale and on-site AD? With the feeding of food waste to animals currently restricted under EU regulation, what are the challenges for recycling more food waste as animal feed?
David Caffall, Chief Executive, Agricultural Industries Confederation
Anna Simpson, Environment Policy Advisor, NFU
Richard Gueterbock, Director, Clearfleau
Tristram Stuart, Commentator and Author, *Waste: Uncovering the Global Food Scandal*
Questions and comments from the floor with **Dr Henk de Jong**, Agricultural Counsellor, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, London and **Dr Andy Rees**, Head of Waste Strategy, Department for Natural Resources, Culture and Sport, Welsh Government
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Next steps for food waste prevention policy**
Jonathan Tillson, Head of Sustainable Business, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**
Mark Pawsey MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Packaging Manufacturing Industry
Steve Moat, Senior Producer, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum