

Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum Keynote Seminar
Moving towards a 'zero waste' economy: prevention, recycling and energy production

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 17th November 2011

Venue: Sixty One Whitehall, London SW1A 2ET



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Gavin Shuker MP, Shadow Minister for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Moving towards a 'zero waste' economy: where does food and drink waste fit in?**
Looking towards 2013 and the development of a full Waste Prevention Programme, as outlined in the Waste Review, does the food and drink industry need to do more to prevent waste occurring, in addition to building on current levels of recycling? What are the implications of waste for UK food security? Are food security concerns around waste relevant to UK consumers?
Neil Thornton, Director, Climate, Waste and Atmosphere, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.10 **Waste prevention: time for a fresh look?**
What further action might be needed to reduce waste, such as specific commitments, landfill restrictions or additional legislation? How are the commitments outlined in the Waste Review being translated into business practice, and what are the key priorities for further development? With increased recovery targets for packaging waste being discussed ahead of the 2012 Budget, what should be the priorities, and what are the likely effects for food and drink manufacturers and retailers? Following the launch of the Business Waste & Recycling Services Commitment, are SMEs getting the support needed to prevent waste and recycle more, and what should be the next steps for implementation? How is the voluntary 'Responsibility Deal' on waste working in practice, and what should be the next steps for future development?
Dr Adam Read, Global Practice Director, Waste Management & Resource Efficiency, AEA
Ian Wakelin, Chief Executive, Biffa
Patrick McGuirk, Recycling Director, Coca-Cola Enterprises
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.10 - 10.40 **Collection, recycling and processing**
How is the Business Waste & Recycling Services Commitment being put into practice in local authorities, and what are the challenges for local authorities looking to increase levels of recycling and waste prevention in local businesses? What effect is pressure from Government for a return to weekly bin collections – including grants for local authorities who restore weekly collections – having on the current provision of services? What are the main barriers to further development, in terms of logistics, funding and householder engagement? Should further legislation be introduced to encourage councils to collect food and other organic waste for AD? What lessons can be learnt from the Welsh Assembly Government's focus on food waste collection, and should an expansion in food waste collection be a priority for the rest of the UK?
Gemma Clinton, Waste Reduction Manager, East Dorset District Council and Vice Chair, LARAC
Terry Coleman, Technical Director, Environmental Resources Management (ERM)
Luke Rice, Waste Minimisation and Strategy Officer, Cardiff Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chairman's closing remarks**
Gavin Shuker MP, Shadow Minister for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- 10.45 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Dr Alan Whitehead MP, Member, Energy and Climate Change Select Committee
- 11.15 - 12.05 **Taking forward the Anaerobic Digestion Strategy**
What contribution is biogas making to the energy mix and how is AD being used across the municipal, commercial and industrial sectors? How is this set to develop in the future; is development progressing equally across all sectors? Do the financial incentives for AD provide sufficient support for those looking to invest? Is the Localism Bill likely to affect planning applications for energy from waste facilities, and does increased emphasis on community consultation on new developments pose challenges for the energy from waste sector? Does more need to be done to support municipal AD schemes, particularly with local councils looking to make savings? What are the technical challenges still to be overcome for more complex output products, such as biomethane for injection to grid, and does the industry need more support to address these challenges?
Steve Sharratt, Group Chief Executive, Bio Group
Dr Peter McKendry, Principal, SLR Consulting
Richard Gueterbock, Director, Clearfleau
Angie Bywater, Project Manager, Methanogen (UK)
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.05 - 12.30 **Waste as a resource: does more need to be done to develop a market?**
Does more need to be done to create a market for waste at the 'back end' of the process? Would further regulation support the commercialisation of markets for waste? Is demand for the products of recycling growing? Does more need to be done to make recycled products viable?
Peter Jones, Sector Commentator; Advisor on Waste, London Waste and Recycling Board and Chairman, Waste2Tricity
Sarah Rhodes, Head, Land-based Renewables, Office for Renewable Energy Deployment, Department of Energy and Climate Change
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Next steps for waste policy: the view from WRAP**
Dr Richard Swannell, Director of Design & Waste Prevention, WRAP (Waste & Resources Action Programme)
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's closing remarks and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**
Dr Alan Whitehead MP, Member, Energy and Climate Change Select Committee
Lizzie Sayer, Senior Producer, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum