Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum Keynote Seminar: Next steps for natural environment policy in England

*Timing: Morning, Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017* 

Venue: One Moorgate Place, Chartered Accountants' Hall, Moorgate Place, London EC2R 6EA



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8.30 - 9.00	Registration and coffee
9.00 - 9.05	<u>Chair's opening remarks</u> Baroness Parminter, Liberal Democrat Lords Principal Spokesperson for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
9.05 - 9.35	Assessing the challenge ahead for the natural environment Professor Paul Leinster, Professor of Environmental Assessment, Cranfield University Questions and comments from the floor
9.35 - 10.40	<ul> <li>Priorities for environmental conservation: access to funding, business cooperation, evidence recording and utilising data</li> <li>Dr Richard Benwell, Head of Government Affairs, Wildfowl &amp; Wetlands Trust (WWT)</li> <li>Martin Crow, Senior Sustainability Manager, Hanson UK</li> <li>Andrew Heald, Technical Director, Confederation of Forest Industries (ConFor)</li> <li>Dr Dominic Hogg, Chairman, Eunomia Research &amp; Consulting and Chair, West of England Nature Partnership Questions and comments from the floor</li> </ul>
10.40 - 11.20	Coffee
11.20 - 11.30	The way forward for natural environment policy post-Brexit Dr Stephanie Wray, President, Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management
11.30 - 11.40	Ensuring the planning system works for the environment: the role of local plans, reducing emissions and adaptation Dr Hugh Ellis, Head of Policy, Town and Country Planning Association
11.40 - 12.00	Questions and comments from the floor
12.00 - 12.55	Examining priorities for developing Natural Capital: ecosystem services, land management and wider public benefits Patrick Begg, Rural Enterprises Director, National Trust Dr Diane Mitchell, Chief Environment Adviser, NFU Ben Williams, Programme Lead, NHS Forest and Green Spaces, Centre for Sustainable Healthcare Louise Martland, National Programme Manager, The Environment Bank Questions and comments from the floor
12.55 - 13.00	Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks Baroness Parminter, Liberal Democrat Lords Principal Spokesperson for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Andrew Best, Forum Lead, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum