Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:
Next steps for air quality in England - regulation, local delivery and public health
Timing: Morning, Friday, 6th November 2026
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8.30 Registration

9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

9.05 **Air quality in England - priorities, challenges and next steps**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor

9.25 **Agriculture and air quality - options for reducing emissions, practical delivery and implications for farming**
Polly Lawman, Environment and Land Use Advisor, National Farmers' Union

9.35 **Meeting air quality targets - policy options, regulation and practicalities of delivery**
Environmental Improvement Plan 2025 and Air Quality Environment Act Target Delivery Plan | progress towards the 2030 and 2040 targets for PM2.5 concentration and population exposure | relationship with WHO guidance and action on other pollutants | measures for domestic burning and small industrial combustion plants | future use of stoves as secondary heating | costs, responsibilities and compliance implications for businesses and households | access to finance, incentives and technical support | timing of changes and readiness across supply chains
Gordon Allison, Consultant, DustScanAQ
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, domestic combustion
Senior representative, legal

9.55 Questions and comments from the floor

10.20 **Assessing progress towards statutory air quality targets - oversight, accountability and delivering the *Environmental Improvement Plan***
James Ward, Senior Environmental Scientist, Office for Environmental Protection
Questions and comments from the floor

10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

10.50 Break

11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian

11.05 **Public health and air quality - priorities for protecting vulnerable groups, reducing exposure and improving outcomes**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor

11.30 **Transport and air quality - practical steps and priorities going forward across road, rail, freight and places**
clean-air and low-emission measures | air quality in Local Transport Plans | vehicle electrification and the ZEV mandate | implications of the 2030 phase-out of new cars powered solely by petrol or diesel | brake, tyre and road-wear emissions | freight, logistics and ports | public transport and air quality on the railway | in-service emissions testing for diesel trains | roles for operational change, regulation and technology
Senior representative, innovation
Senior representative, public transport
Senior representative, logistics
Senior representative, environment

11.50 Questions and comments from the floor

12.15 **Implementing air quality priorities across urban environments and the experience from London**
Deborah Obafemi, Air Quality Manager, Greater London Authority

12.25 **Air quality at a local level - planning, permitting, evidence and public health**
air quality in planning decisions following consultation on the revised NPPF | links between planning, environmental permitting, Air Quality Action Plans and Local Air Quality Management | Environmental Delivery Plans and the Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025 | respective responsibilities of the Environment Agency and local authorities | funding, staffing, specialist expertise and enforcement capacity | making national emissions data useful for local decisions | monitoring gaps across urban, rural and indoor settings | assessing the effectiveness of interventions | public information, alerts and dashboards, including Defra's air quality alert service | community involvement and transparency on progress | reducing exposure in pollution hotspots | implications for housing, infrastructure development, public health and environmental protection
Ruth Chambers, Senior Fellow, Green Alliance
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, technology
Senior representative, consultancy
Senior representative, built environment

12.45 Questions and comments from the floor

13.10 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum