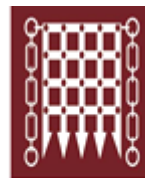


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Next steps for biodiversity and wildlife protection in England**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle, former Leader of the Green Party of England and Wales
- 9.05 **Nature enhancement and targets for halting species decline - progress, next steps, and priorities for policy and regulation going forward**
Tony Juniper, Chair, Natural England
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 Break
- 9.40 **Implementing local approaches to biodiversity and species protection - designing Local Nature Recovery Strategies, setting guidance for stakeholders, and monitoring processes and outcomes**
Sarah-Jane Chimbwandira, Chief Executive Officer, Surrey Wildlife Trust
Samuel Evans, Head of Natural Environment, Greater Manchester Combined Authority
Sophie Broadfield, Director of Sustainable Communities, Bath and North East Somerset Council
Professor Kevin Gaston, Professor of Biodiversity & Conservation, University of Exeter
Rich Stockdale, Managing Director, Oxygen Conservation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle, former Leader of the Green Party of England and Wales
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Jones of Whitchurch, Shadow Spokesperson for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- 10.50 **The role of the rural investment market in shaping a greener and more sustainable future**
Roland Bull, Partner, Head of Rural Investment, Bidwells
- 11.00 **Incorporating biodiversity net gain within the planning system**
Aidan Thomson, Partner, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner
- 11.10 **Case study - Biodiversity in major projects**
Peter Miller, Environment Director, HS2
- 11.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Implementation of ELMs - assessing government ambitions, practicalities and challenges, opportunities, next steps, development of best practice, and the way forward for achieving positive impact on habitat restoration**
Teresa Dent, Chief Executive, Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust
Sally Hayns, Chief Executive Officer, Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management
David Exwood, Vice President, National Farmers Union
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Next steps for the planned Nature Recovery Green Paper and the development of Local Nature Recovery Strategies**
Edward Barker, Director, Natural Environment, Trees & Landscapes, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Baroness Jones of Whitchurch, Shadow Spokesperson for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Ambra Cortese, Researcher, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum