

**Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:  
Next steps for greenhouse gas removals - policy, regulation and market growth**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing the evolving policy landscape for greenhouse gas removals and the role of removals within UK carbon budgets**  
**Dr Stephen Smith**, Associate Professor, Greenhouse Gas Removal, Smith School; and Executive Director, Oxford Net Zero and CO2RE, University of Oxford  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Assessing funding and market frameworks for greenhouse gas removals**  
*measures in the 2025 Spending Review | commercial models and investor confidence | governance and accountability | long-term contracts for engineered removals and power BECCS | revenue support mechanisms and investment certainty | phased incorporation of verified removals into the UK ETS | carbon market regulation and consistency with voluntary schemes | priorities for MRV, permanence and certification | development of UK standards for removals | sustainability criteria and feedstock sourcing | UK position in international markets and standards | cross-border trade and sustainability of imported biomass*  
Senior representative, investment  
Senior representative, developer  
Senior representative, end use buyer  
Senior representative, legal  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Considerations for environmental, planning and permitting reforms**  
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Environment Agency**
- 10.35 **The future for the technology mix - DACCS, BECCS and innovative approaches**  
*infrastructure requirements and readiness | adapting biomass and waste facilities | feedstock supply chain robustness | balance with land use and food security | permanence and durability across pathways | MRV development for innovative approaches | sustainability of imported biomass | role of certification and verification for deployment at scale*  
Senior representative, DACCS  
Senior representative, BECCS  
Senior representative, novel technology  
Senior commentator
- 10.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.25 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.30 Break
- 11.40 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.45 **Integrating greenhouse gas removal infrastructure into decarbonisation systems**  
**Liam Lidstone**, Business Leader, Energy Infrastructure and Clean Tech, Energy Systems Catapult
- 12.00 **Priorities for Infrastructure, planning and delivery for removals deployment**  
*repurposing and upgrading existing industrial assets | developing shared CO<sub>2</sub> transport and storage infrastructure | readiness of deployment clusters | alignment with net zero energy and land-use strategies | planning and permitting requirements and overcoming delays | regional deployment priorities from Industrial Strategy and the UK Infrastructure Strategy | coordination with transport and storage licensing and network development | workforce capacity and skills needs | approaches to community consent and transparency | legal powers and enabling regulation, including accountability and transparency frameworks*  
Senior representative, local government  
Senior representative, legal  
Senior representative, infrastructure
- 12.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.45 **Greenhouse gas removals - priorities for policy and governance**  
Senior representative, policy  
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