Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum policy conference:
Next steps for gene-edited foods in England
Timing: Morning, Monday, 17th June 2024
***Taking Place Online***

Agenda subject to change

8.30 Registration

9.00 **Chair’s opening remarks**
Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle

9.05 **Opportunities for genetic technologies to support food security and other key policy objectives - frameworks for delivery**
Jonny Hazell, Senior Policy Adviser, The Royal Society
Questions and comments from the floor

9.30 **Priorities for research and innovation in precision-breeding technologies**
Professor Steve Penfield, Programme Leader, John Innes Centre

9.45 **Key issues for the delivery of gene-edited foods**
opportunities and potential for key markets including tackling food security demands and climate adaptation | consumer attitudes and trust | implications of cross-border regulatory divergence | latest developments in research, crop science and innovative technologies | intellectual property rights | protecting the eco-system | regulatory certainty and product launches | investor confidence, funding and investment
Professor Nigel Halford, Crop Scientist, Rothamsted Research
Sian Edmonds, Senior Associate, Osborne Clarke
Professor David Rose, Elizabeth Creak Chair, Sustainable Agri-Food Systems, Harper Adams University
Daniel Green, Agriculture Director, British Sugar
Paul Temple, Vice-Chairman, Global Farmer Network

10.10 Questions and comments from the floor

10.40 **Policy developments and priorities for gene-edited food production and research**
Jack Bobo, Director of Food Systems Institute, University of Nottingham
Questions and comments from the floor

11.05 **Chair’s closing remarks**
Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle

11.10 Break

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Jack Bobo, Director of Food Systems Institute, University of Nottingham

11.25 **Regulatory priorities for moving forward gene-edited products and the biotech industry**
Mark Buckingham, Corporate Engagement Leader UK&I, Bayer Crop Science

11.40 **Evaluating options for the regulation of gene-edited food production**
authorisation processes | regulatory certainty | food safety and concerns over new toxins | gene-edited product transparency | issues around regulatory divergence | licencing and investment | approaches to managing risk | consumer priorities | food labelling | animal welfare
Katrina Anderson, Principal Associate, Mills & Reeve
Professor Mario Caccamo, Chief Executive Officer and Director, NIAB
Dr Craig Lewis, Genetic Service Manager, Pig Improvement Company
Michelle Mackie, Head of Qualitative Research and Engagement Centre, Ipsos

12.05 Questions and comments from the floor

12.30 ‘**Balancing interests in the quest for sensible regulation of crop improvement methods**’
Professor Jonathan Jones, Group Leader, The Sainsbury Laboratory, Norwich UK
Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 **Chair’s and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**
Jack Bobo, Director of Food Systems Institute, University of Nottingham
Jessica Lear, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum