

**Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum policy conference:  
Land use in England - priorities for food, nature and climate**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing the current state of land use policy and trends in demands on land in England**  
**Lord Cameron of Dillington**, former Chair, Land Use in England Committee  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Strategic options for tackling pressures on land and developing and delivering an effective land use framework**  
**Sue Pritchard**, Chief Executive, Food, Farming and Countryside Commission
- 9.45 **Stakeholder priorities for allocating land and implementing effective land use coordination for food production and environmental improvement**  
*evaluating different stakeholder perspectives | priorities for achieving policy coherence to manage changing land use pressures | issues for food production and increasing domestic output | climate change adaptation | options for increasing public footfall and access to land and nature | priorities for leadership and strategic direction for managing land*  
**Lydia Collas**, Head of Natural Environment, Green Alliance  
**David Baldock**, Senior Fellow, Agriculture and Land Management, Institute for European Environmental Policy  
**Carolyn McKenzie**, Director of Environment, Surrey County Council  
Senior representative, farming  
Senior representative, food security
- 10.20 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 **Options for utilising technology to tackle land use issues - innovation, development and expanding engagement**  
**Professor Lee-Ann Sutherland**, Director, International Land Use Study Centre, The James Hutton Institute  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Examining key challenges for developing a strategic approach to nature restoration and landscape conservation**  
Senior academic
- 11.40 **Strategies for delivering sustainable land management and maximising resilience**  
*expanding regenerative farming practices | improving soil health and water quality | assessing the role of ELMs and environmental schemes | priorities for increasing nature restoration and improving green spaces | unlocking nature-rich habitats to tackle climate change and biodiversity loss | holistic approaches for building long-term sustainability and productivity*  
**Susan Twining**, Chief Land Use Policy Adviser, CLA  
**Richard Reynolds**, Senior Agronomy Advisor, Anglian Water  
**Professor Richard Pywell**, Science Area Head, Biodiversity, UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology  
**Jenna Hegarty**, Head of Policy, Nature Friendly Farming Network  
Senior representative, biodiversity
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for the land use framework and addressing pressures on land in England**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Jessica Lear**, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum