

Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum policy conference:

Next steps for land use in England

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 23rd June 2026

Taking Place Online

Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **The Land Use Framework for England - key aims and considerations for implementation**
Nick Barter, Deputy Director, Land Use, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- 9.20 **Priorities for food production as part of multifunctional land use**
Dmitry Feoktistov, Sustainability and Climate Change Adviser, National Farmers' Union
- 9.30 **Developing joined-up approaches to nature recovery**
Senior representative, nature recovery
- 9.40 **Examining the future vision for land allocation and coordination**
nature and renewables allocation and defining criteria for land release | balancing food production, nature recovery, housing and energy infrastructure | aligning environmental objectives with productive land use and cross-sector working | incentives, levers and funding mechanisms, including tailoring to different needs | application of biodiversity regulations and Environmental Impact Assessments | decision-making, coordination and clarity of roles across national and local delivery | interaction with planning reform and implications of the non-statutory positioning of the Framework | local engagement, integration of housing and services, and metrics for monitoring outcomes
Ellie Brodie, Director, Grounded Insight
Carolyn McKenzie, Director, Environment and Planning, Surrey County Council
Senior representative, housing
Senior representative, energy
Senior representative, utilities
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 **Practical considerations for translating land use decisions into delivery - coordination, managing constraints and implications for infrastructure, development and land management**
translating land use priorities into delivery across infrastructure, development and land management | coordination between planning, infrastructure providers and land managers | managing constraints including planning, environmental requirements and land availability | sequencing of development, infrastructure and environmental objectives in practice | interaction between national policy and local delivery responsibilities | implications for timelines, viability and project delivery | approaches to resolving competing priorities in implementation and ensuring alignment across sectors
Sue Pritchard, CEO, Food, Farming and Countryside Commission
Senior representative, infrastructure
Senior representative, planning
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **The role of land use in managing climate risk and supporting adaptation**
Professor Chris Evans, Member, Adaptation Committee, Climate Change Committee; and Peatland Scientist, UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology
- 11.50 **Improving access to data and improving interoperability for decision-making**
Sophie Coley, Environment Lead, Ordnance Survey
- 12.00 **Assessing practical delivery mechanisms for multifunctional land use outcomes and application of land use principles**
applying land use principles in practice, including estate management and local arrangements | funding, prioritisation, compensation and role of private finance and insurance | governance and consistency in decision-making across areas | updated land classification, data collection and development of decision-support tools | community engagement, place-based planning and addressing delivery pressures | addressing capacity and skills for increased land data use | co-location models and community biodiversity funds | impacts of housing and infrastructure on higher-quality agricultural land
Susan Twining, Chief Land Use Policy Adviser, Country Land and Business Association
Ruth Murray, Investment Director, Sustainable Infrastructure, Gresham House
Mike Bracegirdle, Partner, Butcher and Barlow
Senior representative, innovation
Senior representative, local authority
- 12.30 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

