Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference: Next steps for protecting and managing England's natural capital

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 15th July 2025

Taking place online

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8.30 Registration

9.00 Chair's opening remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

9.05 England's natural capital - latest evidence, government proposals and strategic priorities moving forward

Senior commentator

Questions and comments from the floor

9.35 Assessing developments in biodiversity and land use policy - key issues for the environment, planning and stakeholders

implications of the proposed Nature Levy and proposals in the Planning and Infrastructure Bill | the Nature Restoration Fund and Environmental Delivery Plans | plans for embedding biodiversity goals in long-term land use planning and regulation | responding to concerns over reduced habitat protection and on-site assessments | aligning the Government's 30by30 commitment with ELM schemes and BNG frameworks | balancing competing demands from agriculture, development and conservation

Joseph Gridley, CEO, Soil Association Exchange

Bethany Turner, Environment Policy Adviser, Country Land and Business Association

Cathryn Tracey, Partner, Burges Salmon Senior representative, infrastructure Senior representative, local authority Questions and comments from the floor

10.35 Chair's closing remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

10.40 Break

10.50 Chair's opening remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

Priorities for sustainable food systems and integrated resource management:

10.55 <u>Developing resilience and sustainable agricultural production</u>

Senior representative, agriculture

11.05 <u>Priorities for water resource management</u>

Senior representative, water management

11.15 Questions and comments from the floor

11.40 Priorities for coordinating and delivering habitat restoration

progress and lessons from ongoing restoration projects | integrating natural regeneration in woodland and landscape strategies | practical steps for species protection and alignment of restoration with land use planning | driving inclusive participation in natural capital decisions | restoration targets | building public trust and addressing rural and urban disparities in nature recovery | enabling multi-stakeholder collaboration and funding mechanisms | funding opportunities to support natural capital initiatives | evaluating roles of private and public sectors | developing long-term economic and ecological sustainability

Mattie Yeta, Chief Sustainability Officer, CGI

Claire Wansbury, Technical Director, Ecology, AtkinsRéalis

James Mckay, Chair, Long Lands Common Ludo Pittie, Director and Head, Landscape, WSP

Ouestions and comments from the floor

12.25 Priorities for environmental monitoring and accountability moving forward

Dame Glenys Stacey, Chair, Office of Environmental Protection

Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum

