

Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

Next steps for onshore wind in the UK

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 26th September 2024

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **The current landscape, opportunities and issues for onshore wind in the UK, and key considerations for government policy going forward**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **The way forward for wind power integration into the UK electricity distribution network**
Senior representative, grid
- 9.45 **Priorities for expanding onshore wind generation in the UK**
Cathal Hennessy, Head, Onshore Wind Development UK & Ireland, RWE Renewables
- 9.55 **Next steps for scaling up onshore and its role in the energy mix**
maximising grid capacity | doubling production by 2030 | incentivising research and innovation | financing and developing long-term security in onshore production | harnessing green skills and promoting jobs
Stephen Barrett, Director, Membership and Strategic Engagement, Energy and Utility Skills
Andy Manning, Head, Energy System Transformation, Citizens Advice
Paul Hewett, CEO, Belltown Power
Dr Carole Nakhle, CEO, Crystol Energy; and Associate Lecturer, Energy Economics, University of Surrey
Senior representative, innovation
- 10.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Hayman, Chair, Peers for the Planet
- 11.15 **Priorities for planning and consent for onshore infrastructure projects, and identifying suitable locations**
Heather Donald, Acting Head, Onshore Wind, SSE Renewables
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Putting in place the enablers of sustainable growth of onshore capabilities**
revising planning policy | industry confidence | engagement with communities, incentives and factoring in their needs | collaboration between key stakeholders | mitigating impacts on the environment, wildlife and landscape
Cathryn Tracey, Director, Planning and Compulsory Purchase, Burges Salmon
Becky Pullinger, Head, Land Use Planning, The Wildlife Trusts
Dr Rebecca Windemer, Planning and Communities Lead, Regen
David Tudgey, Co-Founder and Director, Bristol Energy Network; and Project Manager, Ambition Community Energy
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for the rollout of onshore wind**
Daniel Cox, Deputy Director, Renewable Electricity Strategy, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Baroness Hayman, Chair, Peers for the Planet
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum