

Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

Next steps for zero emission vehicles in the UK

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Euan Stainbank MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for British Buses
- 9.05 **Assessing next steps for the transition to zero emission vehicles - key findings from the Transport Committee**
Ruth Cadbury MP, Chair, Transport Committee
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Increasing uptake and assessing progress in delivering the ZEV 2030 Mandate**
implications of the 2030 phase-out | aligning with wider industrial and transport policy objectives | establishing certainty for producers and businesses regarding timescales and funding | incentives to encourage consumer ZEV uptake | the impact of regulatory adjustments to Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes from January 2026 | regulatory flexibility for vans | supporting businesses with vehicle fleets through transition | ZEV pathways for HGVs, buses, coaches and specialised vehicles | ZEV policy in the devolved nations and areas of regional divergence
Daniel Kaufman, Partner, CMS
Anna Krajinska, UK Director, Transport and Environment (T&E UK)
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, fleets
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **EU market development, regulatory shifts, and implications for UK policy**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Euan Stainbank MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for British Buses
- 10.40 Break
- 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 **Priorities for UK ZEV manufacturing and the route to decarbonisation**
Senior representative, manufacturer
- 11.05 **Scaling up UK manufacturing capacity and building a sustainable market for ZEVs - supply chain resilience, localisation, workforce and innovation**
scaling UK ZEV manufacturing capacity | implementing DRIVE35 and the Automotive Transformation Fund | supply chain resilience and localisation | frameworks for attracting and sustaining private investment | supporting industrial transition from Internal Combustion Engine production | workforce training and reskilling needs | interaction of the Electric Car Grant and fiscal measures | implications of Electric Vehicle Excise Duty reform | addressing information gaps and improving transparency on purchase and running costs | confidence, affordability and second-hand market development
Steve Gooding, Director, RAC Foundation
Graeme Purdy, CEO, Ilika
Deepak Farmah, Director, Research and Innovation, Coventry University
Senior representative, innovation
Senior representative, investment
- 11.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 **Rolling out charging infrastructure at scale - planning, grid capacity, and cost pressures**
developing a resilient public charging network | permitted development rights and planning reform | next steps for local authorities in the rollout of EV charge points | overcoming barriers such as grid capacity and cost pressures | impact on the grid | considerations for freight | ensuring alignment with wider transport decarbonisation plans and the consumer ZEV uptake trajectory | addressing cost concerns for motorway service areas, rural communities and private landlords | implications of the grant boost for the installation of EV chargers | coordinating national strategy whilst addressing concerns around regional inequalities | the role of smart charging in reducing peak demand and grid reinforcement costs
Jarrold Birch, Head, Policy and Public Affairs, Charge UK
Chris Rowland, Managing Director, MDS Transmodal
Senior representative, grid
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.40 **The future of ZEV policy, targets and implementation in the UK**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.10 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum