

Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference
Next steps for tackling plastic waste in the UK - policy developments, implementation, and industry practice

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Progress on the UK Plastics Pact, widening value-chain engagement, and priorities for meeting the Courtauld Commitment 2025**
Helen Bird, Strategic Engagement Manager, WRAP
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 Break
- 9.30 **Next steps for waste management systems and reducing plastic waste in the UK - restoring services, standardising design and national plastics handling, and working towards zero avoidable waste by 2050**
Barry Turner, Group Director, Plastic and Flexible Packaging, British Plastics Federation
Libby Peake, Head, resource policy, Green Alliance
Jacob Hayler, Executive Director, Environmental Services Association
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Case studies - addressing the policy and logistical challenges for introducing a Deposit Return Scheme and what can be learned from existing systems**
Senior representative, deposit return scheme
Senior representative, consultancy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 **The forthcoming Plastics Packaging Tax and assessing practical steps for preparing supply chains**
Jo Ruxton, Executive Director & Co-Founder, Plasticococeans
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, industry
- 11.35 **Examining the future of plastic material development and innovation and for meeting challenges for industry and achieving national reduction targets**

Next steps for advancing plastic technology, the development of more sustainable materials, and reducing barriers to industry adoption
Paul Davidson, Challenge Director, Smart Sustainable Plastic Packaging, UKRI

Priorities for plastics innovation and strategies for commercialisation - meeting retailer and supply chain needs and operating within Extended Producer Responsibility schemes
Senior representative, retailer

What is needed from policy and industry practice for meeting national plastic waste reduction targets, and to demonstrate UK leadership at COP26
Dr Rachael Rothman, Co-Director, Grantham Centre for Sustainable Futures; and Academic Lead for Sustainability, University of Sheffield
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for the long term to reduce plastic waste including single-use, and latest thinking on the impact of the Environment Bill**
Senior speaker to be announced
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Jack Longman, Senior Researcher, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum