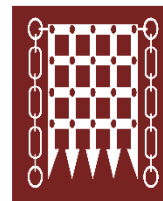


**Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:
Next steps for air quality in England - regulation, local delivery and public health**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Air quality in England - priorities, challenges and next steps**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 **Agriculture and air quality - options for reducing emissions, practical delivery and implications for farming**
Polly Lawman, Senior Environment Advisor, National Farmers' Union
- 9.35 **Meeting air quality targets - policy options, regulation and practicalities of delivery**
Environmental Improvement Plan 2025 and Air Quality Environment Act Target Delivery Plan | progress towards the 2030 and 2040 targets for PM2.5 concentration and population exposure | relationship with WHO guidance and action on other pollutants | measures for domestic burning and small industrial combustion plants | future use of stoves as secondary heating | costs, responsibilities and compliance implications for businesses and households | access to finance, incentives and technical support | timing of changes and readiness across supply chains
Gordon Allison, Consultant, DustScanAQ
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, domestic combustion
Senior representative, legal
- 9.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Assessing progress towards statutory air quality targets - oversight, accountability and delivering the Environmental Improvement Plan**
James Ward, Senior Environmental Scientist, Office for Environmental Protection
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Public health and air quality - priorities for protecting vulnerable groups, reducing exposure and improving outcomes**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Transport and air quality - practical steps and priorities going forward across road, rail, freight and places**
clean-air and low-emission measures | air quality in Local Transport Plans | vehicle electrification and the ZEV mandate | implications of the 2030 phase-out of new cars powered solely by petrol or diesel | brake, tyre and road-wear emissions | freight, logistics and ports | public transport and air quality on the railway | in-service emissions testing for diesel trains | roles for operational change, regulation and technology
Senior representative, innovation
Senior representative, public transport
Senior representative, logistics
Senior representative, environment
- 11.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.15 **Implementing air quality priorities across urban environments and the experience from London**
Deborah Obafemi, Air Quality Manager, Greater London Authority
- 12.25 **Air quality at a local level - planning, permitting, evidence and public health**
air quality in planning decisions following consultation on the revised NPPF | links between planning, environmental permitting, Air Quality Action Plans and Local Air Quality Management | Environmental Delivery Plans and the Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025 | respective responsibilities of the Environment Agency and local authorities | funding, staffing, specialist expertise and enforcement capacity | making national emissions data useful for local decisions | monitoring gaps across urban, rural and indoor settings | assessing the effectiveness of interventions | public information, alerts and dashboards, including Defra's air quality alert service | community involvement and transparency on progress | reducing exposure in pollution hotspots | implications for housing, infrastructure development, public health and environmental protection
Ruth Chambers, Senior Fellow, Green Alliance
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, technology
Senior representative, consultancy
Senior representative, built environment
- 12.45 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