

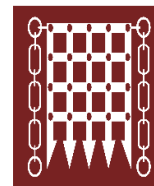
**Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:
Next steps for the UK chemical industry - policy, regulation, growth and sustainability**

Timing: Morning, Monday, 7th September 2026

Taking Place Online

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **The UK chemical sector - industrial strategy, competitiveness and environmental priorities**
Senior representative, industry
- 9.15 **Policy priorities for investment, resilience and sustainability**
Senior representative, policy
- 9.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.45 **Next steps for industrial competitiveness, decarbonisation and resilience in the UK chemical sector**
Industrial Strategy priorities for chemicals as a foundational sector | implications of foreign competition, recent closures and output declines | investment confidence, domestic capacity and long-term sector resilience | potential pathways for addressing industrial electricity and gas prices | the British Industrial Competitiveness Scheme and the Critical Chemicals Resilience Fund | supply chain resilience, trade pressures and strategic onshoring | industrial decarbonisation and preventing carbon leakage | contribution of electrification, hydrogen, CCUS and alternative feedstocks to low-carbon production | workforce retention, skills shortages and long-term capability
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, skills
Senior representative, downstream sector
Senior representative, innovation
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
- 10.55 **Reforming UK REACH - supporting competitiveness while maintaining safety**
Marc Casale, Deputy Director, Chemicals and International, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Environmental considerations for chemical regulation**
Senior representative, regulation
- 11.30 **Priorities for prevention and remediation of chemical pollution**
identifying and addressing sources and pathways of chemical pollution | implementation of the PFAS Plan and UK REACH restrictions on PFAS | reducing exposure and addressing legacy contamination | practicalities for treatment, disposal and long-term management of pollutants | monitoring, enforcement and remediation capacity | downstream responsibilities and application of the Polluter Pays Principle | development and deployment of remediation technologies | agriculture, pesticides, fertilisers and sludge management | evidenced and proportionate approaches to regulation | implications of the UK-EU Sanitary and Phytosanitary Agreement for pesticide regulation
Senior representative, health
Senior representative, agriculture
Senior representative, downstream users
Senior representative, legal
- 11.50 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.15 **Circularity, decarbonisation and low-carbon production in the chemicals sector**
priorities arising from the forthcoming Circular Economy Growth Plan for chemicals and plastics | chemical recycling, advanced recycling technologies and sustainable feedstocks | reducing reliance on virgin feedstocks and diverting chemical waste from landfill | innovation in treatment and destruction of PFAS | transparency and traceability in chemical supply chains | investment and financing requirements for circular infrastructure and innovation | role of industrial clusters in scaling circular and low-carbon production | aligning industrial transition with decarbonisation and net zero objectives | implications for competitiveness, investment and emerging global markets
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, technology
Senior academic
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



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