

**Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:
Next steps for greenhouse gas removals - policy, regulation and market growth**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 11th December 2025

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing the evolving policy landscape for greenhouse gas removals and the role of removals within UK carbon budgets**
Dr Stephen Smith, Associate Professor, Greenhouse Gas Removal, Smith School; and Executive Director, Oxford Net Zero and CO2RE, University of Oxford
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Assessing funding and market frameworks for greenhouse gas removals**
measures in the 2025 Spending Review | commercial models and investor confidence | governance and accountability | long-term contracts for engineered removals and power BECCS | revenue support mechanisms and investment certainty | phased incorporation of verified removals into the UK ETS | carbon market regulation and consistency with voluntary schemes | priorities for MRV, permanence and certification | development of UK standards for removals | sustainability criteria and feedstock sourcing | UK position in international markets and standards | cross-border trade and sustainability of imported biomass
Joel Gould, Senior Manager, Markets and Policy, BeZero Carbon
Marta Krupinska, CEO, Cur8
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, legal
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Considerations for environmental, planning and permitting reforms**
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Environment Agency**
- 10.35 **The future for the technology mix - DACCS, BECCS and innovative approaches**
infrastructure requirements and readiness | adapting biomass and waste facilities | feedstock supply chain robustness | balance with land use and food security | permanence and durability across pathways | MRV development for innovative approaches | sustainability of imported biomass | role of certification and verification for deployment at scale
Karl Smyth, Director, Strategic Policy and External Affairs, Enfinity
Dr Niall Mac Dowell, Reader, Energy Systems, Imperial College London
Senior representative, DACCS
Senior representative, novel technology
- 10.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.25 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.30 Break
- 11.40 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.45 **Integrating greenhouse gas removal infrastructure into decarbonisation systems**
Liam Lidstone, Business Leader, Energy Infrastructure and Clean Tech, Energy Systems Catapult
- 12.00 **Priorities for infrastructure, planning and delivery for removals deployment**
repurposing and upgrading existing industrial assets | developing shared CO₂ transport and storage infrastructure | readiness of deployment clusters | alignment with net zero energy and land-use strategies | planning and permitting requirements and overcoming delays | regional deployment priorities from Industrial Strategy and the UK Infrastructure Strategy | coordination with transport and storage licensing and network development | workforce capacity and skills needs | approaches to community consent and transparency | legal powers and enabling regulation, including accountability and transparency frameworks
Senior representative, local government
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, infrastructure
- 12.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.45 **Greenhouse gas removals - priorities for policy and governance**
James Screen, Deputy Director, Greenhouse Gas Removals, Department of Energy Security and Net Zero
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