

**Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum policy conference:  
Land use in England - key issues and priorities moving forward**

*Timing: Morning, Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025*

**\*\*\*Taking Place Online\*\*\***



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Rachel Gilmour MP
- 9.05 **Assessing key issues for land use policy and delivery in England**  
Professor Charles Godfray, Director, Oxford Martin School, University of Oxford  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 **Priorities for the Land Use Framework and implementation**  
*assessing discussion emerging in consultation / potential outcomes and priorities moving forward / regulatory and practical challenges in delivering the Framework / compulsory purchasing powers / reliability and accuracy in spatial mapping and natural capital data / future review and evaluation pathways / considerations for new financial frameworks / innovation and landowner autonomy / shared decision-making and balancing land use demands*  
Jenna Hegarty, Head, Policy, Nature Friendly Farming Network  
Andrew Teanby, Director, Rural Research, Savills  
Rebecca Wrigley, CEO and Co-Founder, Rewilding Britain  
Tim Hopkin, Director, The Land App  
Councillor Steve McAuliffe, Arundel and Walberton Ward Member; and Arun District Council Appointee, South Downs National Park Authority  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **Landowners and land use - priorities, innovation and investment**  
Susan Twining, Chief Land Use Policy Adviser, Country Land and Business Association
- 10.25 **Developing long-term strategy for farming and land use going forward**  
Jack Watts, Sustainability Group Lead, National Farmers Union
- 10.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Rachel Gilmour MP
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Baroness Young of Old Scone
- 11.20 **Priorities for climate adaptation and nature restoration in land use policy**  
Indra Thillainathan, Senior Analyst, Climate Change Committee  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Optimising land use - sustainable and resilient food production systems, and strengthening food security**  
Harriet Bell, Regenerative Farming Lead, Riverford Organic Farmers
- 11.55 **Policy coordination - Land Use Framework alignment with environment and climate commitments, food supply and resilience, and wider agri-food policy development**  
*the Framework and the upcoming National Food Strategy / advancing cross-sector collaboration / options for national food production targets to support food security / improving land conservation and biodiversity, and achieving 30by30 / local, regional, and national collaboration / approaches to climate adaptation / implications of future trade policies and standards / strategic options for managing finite land resources / incentivising multifunctional land*  
Professor Tom MacMillan, Elizabeth Creak Chair in Rural Policy and Strategy, Royal Agricultural University  
Will White, Sustainable Farming Coordinator, Sustain  
Saskia van Dongen, Lead Environmental Specialist, Policy, Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board  
Dr Lydia Collas, Head of Natural Environment, Green Alliance  
Dr Andrew Weatherall, Principal Policy Officer, Woodlands and Forestry, RSPB
- 12.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**  
Baroness Young of Old Scone  
Jessica Lear, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum