Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference: Next steps for onshore wind in England *Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 1st July 2025* ***Taking place online***



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 <u>Chair's opening remarks</u> Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 <u>Key policy and regulatory developments, and implications for onshore wind in England</u> **Professor Jim Watson**, Professor, Energy Policy, University College London Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 Assessing government plans for scaling up onshore wind in England planning, consenting, community engagement, and environmental impact

the Clean Power 2030 Action Plan and its impact on onshore wind expansion | reintroduction of onshore wind into the NSIP regime and impact on streamlining project approvals | addressing stakeholder concerns regarding the 100MW NSIP threshold | enhancing community engagement and consultation processes | balancing national policy objectives with local decision-making in project approvals | realising the potential local economic impact of onshore wind farms | priorities for environmental protection and mitigating the impact of development on local ecosystems and landscapes Dr Rebecca Windemer, Planning Lead, Regen

Cathryn Tracey, Director, Planning and Compulsory Purchase, Burges Salmon **Matthew Bacon**, Head, Onshore Wind Market Development UK, Vattenfall Senior representative, local government Senior representative, environment Questions and comments from the floor

10.35 Chair's closing remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

- 10.40 Break
- 10.50 <u>Chair's opening remarks</u> Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 Grid infrastructure and connections the way forward for wind power integration into the UK electricity network Senior representative, grid Questions and comments from the floor

11.25 Rolling out onshore wind in England - infrastructure, innovation, and tackling sector skills gaps

encouraging public and private sector investment in onshore wind projects | supply chain resilience | innovation in turbine efficiency, storage solutions, and digital monitoring | research and development priorities for next-generation wind technologies | addressing skills shortages in wind energy manufacturing, installation, and maintenance | positioning the UK as a leader in onshore wind and clean energy innovation Stephen Barrett, Director, Membership and Strategic Engagement, Energy and Utility Skills

Senior representative, investment Senior representative, technology Senior representative, infrastructure Senior academic

Questions and comments from the floor

12.25 Next steps for the rollout of onshore wind

Daniel Cox, Deputy Director, Renewable Electricity Strategy, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero 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