Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference The future for environmental standards in the UK and implementing the Office for Environmental Protection *Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 13th January 2021*

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 <u>Chair's opening remarks</u> Baroness Parminter, Member, Food, Poverty, Health and Environment Committee
- 9.05 The future for environmental regulation Sir James Bevan, Chief Executive, Environment Agency Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break

9.35 The Environment Bill and creating the OEP - roles, scope of powers and underpinning independence

<u>Ambitious environmental standards - how they can be designed and enforced</u> **Professor Liz Fisher**, Professor of Environmental Law, Faculty of Law and Corpus Christi College, University of Oxford

<u>Priorities for the OEP - monitoring progress, enforcement powers, and maintaining independence from Government</u> **Michael Barlow**, Partner, Burges Salmon

<u>Realising the ambition of the Environment Bill - the OEP remit, coordination with wider policy and standards, and holding</u> <u>departments to account</u>

Jake White, Head of Legal - Advocacy and Campaigns, WWF-UK

Questions and comments from the floor

- 10.30 <u>Chair's closing remarks</u> Baroness Parminter, Member, Food, Poverty, Health and Environment Committee
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 Chair's opening remarks

Baroness Osamor, Member, Food, Poverty, Health and Environment Committee

10.50 Latest thinking on enhancing environmental standards and building back greener - protection priorities and scope, conservation and restoration progress, and prospect for green job creation Alan Law, Deputy Chief Executive, Natural England

Opportunities for the UK to lead internationally, promote standards, and lead by example on the framework for environmental stewardship

Judicaelle Hammond, Director of Policy and Advice, CLA

Questions and comments from the floor

- 11.25 <u>'Priorities and challenges for our new domestic governance system'</u> Ruth Chambers, Senior Parliamentary Affairs Associate, Green Alliance
- 11.30 Setting standards for the long term decarbonisation, adapting to climate threats, and conserving biodiversity, ecosystem services and public goods Richard Warneford, Director, Waste Water, Northumbrian Water Dr Diane Mitchell, Chief Environment Adviser, NFU Simon Sturgis, Founder, Targeting Zero Questions and comments from the floor with **Ruth Chambers**, Senior Parliamentary Affairs Associate, Green Alliance

12.25 Break

- 12.30 <u>'Challenges and opportunities for the start of the OEP'</u> Dame Glenys Stacey, Chair, Office for Environmental Protection (OEP) Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks Baroness Osamor, Member, Food, Poverty, Health and Environment Committee Jack Longman, Senior Researcher, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum

