

## Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

### Next steps for waste policy and the circular economy in England

Timing: Morning, Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Waste, recycling and the circular economy - key policy developments and considerations for implementation**  
Senior academic  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Policy priorities for tackling plastic waste and next steps for the circular economy in England**  
*priorities for the new Circular Economy Strategy / integrating circular economy approaches with the Industrial Strategy and net zero delivery / enhancing sustainability, ethical standards, and international collaboration / streamlining regulatory processes for improved waste and recycling management / implications for business models and investment planning / expanding recycling initiatives to reduce reliance on primary extraction / policy alignment with devolution and structural reform / feasibility of large-scale commercial recycling / policy incentives to support the development of secondary supply chains / integrating recycling into net zero strategies*  
**Councillor Rowena Champion**, Vice-Chair, North London Waste Authority  
**Agnes Chruszcz**, Policy and Engagement Lead, Circular Economy and Social Sustainability, ISEP  
**Adam Isaacs**, Public Affairs Manager UK&I, Too Good To Go  
**Fiona Campbell**, Head, Sustainability, Biffa  
**Nick Churchward**, Partner, Burges Salmon  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Priorities for developing a circular economy strategy in England**  
**Emma Bourne**, Director, Circular Economy, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Iqbal Mohamed MP**
- 11.05 **Delivering simpler recycling and preparing for the DRS**  
**Dr Adam Read**, Chief Sustainability and External Affairs Officer, Suez UK
- 11.15 **Simpler Recycling and food waste collection - local authority readiness, consumer engagement and opportunities for innovation**  
*priorities for implementing Simpler Recycling / lessons learnt from early rollout and food waste pilots / improving public awareness and voluntary compliance / local authority readiness for April 2026 changes / using digital tools and AI to support engagement and compliance monitoring / strategies for consistent consumer behaviour*  
**Claire Shrewsbury**, Director, Insights and Innovation, WRAP  
Senior representative, local authority  
Senior representative, consumers
- 11.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 **Implementing DRS and EPR - practical delivery, infrastructure readiness, and investment priorities**  
*timelines and key steps for DRS and pEPR rollout / readiness of PackUK and the new scheme administrator / strategic infrastructure and planning reform / the role of incinerators and energy from waste infrastructure in waste management / funding the circular economy / public/private investment, subsidies, and fiscal incentives / addressing fee structures and recyclable material issues, including glass / digital waste tracking responsibilities, costs and privacy / balancing mandatory and voluntary compliance mechanisms*  
**Matthew Kay**, Glass Packaging Policy Lead, British Glass  
**Martin Hyde**, Sustainability and Public Affairs Manager, Aluminium Packaging Recycling Organisation  
Senior representative, retail  
Senior representative, supply chain
- 12.40 **Circular economy implementation in practice - recycling rates, waste reduction, community engagement and investment**  
**Dr Andy Rees**, Head, Waste Strategy, Welsh Government  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.05 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**  
**Iqbal Mohamed MP**  
**Sean Cudmore**, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum