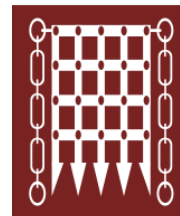


Westminster Legal Policy Forum and Westminster Energy, Environment & Forum policy conference:

Next steps for tackling waste crime in England

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 25th November 2026

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Adam Jogee MP
- 9.05 **Latest developments and mapping the scale of illegal waste in England**
Professor Kate Spencer, Professor, Environmental Geochemistry and Deputy Dean, Research Impact, Queen Mary University of London
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Assessing strategic approaches to tackling waste crime - prevention, deterrence and priorities for legislative reform**
findings from the Environment Agency's waste crime heatmaps and National Waste Crime Survey 2025 | assessing the scale and changing nature of illegal waste activity | environmental, economic and community impacts of waste crime | understanding the role of organised criminal networks and cross-border activity | addressing concerns raised by the Environment and Climate Change Committee on enforcement effectiveness | priorities emerging from the Government's Waste Crime Action Plan | expectations for future reform, enforcement and prevention
Dan Cooke, Director, Policy, Communications and External Affairs, Chartered Institution of Wastes Management
Senior representative, farming
Senior representative, community
Senior representative, environment
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Regulatory enforcement, current challenges and future priorities for tackling waste crime**
Steve Molyneaux, Director, Waste, Environment Agency
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Adam Jogee MP
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 **Policing responses to waste crime - enforcement, collaboration and community protection**
David Sidwick, Police and Crime Commissioner, Dorset
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Harnessing technology to monitor waste crime - improving detection, intelligence and surveillance**
Senior representative, technology
- 11.50 **Priorities for enforcement, coordinated responses and deployment of expanded powers**
implementation of the Government's Waste Crime Action Plan | prevention, enforcement and remediation priorities following the Government's zero-tolerance approach | Environment Agency enforcement expansion, increased resources, intelligence-led approaches and strengthened investigations | reform to the waste exemptions system following Defra's July 2025 report | reform of the waste carriers, brokers and dealers system | strengthening licensing requirements, accountability and enforcement capability | preparations for mandatory digital waste tracking | delivering effective disruption, prosecution and remediation of illegal waste activity
Stephanie Lunt, Legal Director, Clyde & Co
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, waste management
- 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for tackling waste crime going forward**
James Cruddas, Deputy Director, Waste and Recycling, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Forum Projects closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Thomas Howard, Westminster Forum Projects