

**Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:
Next steps for greenhouse gas removals - policy, regulation and market growth**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 11th December 2025

Taking place online

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Hunt of Kings Heath, former Minister of State, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (2024-2025)
- 9.05 **'Greenhouse gas removal developments in the UK, and the role of removals in UK carbon budgets'**
Dr Steve Smith, Associate Professor, Greenhouse Gas Removal, Smith School; and Executive Director, Oxford Net Zero and CO2RE, University of Oxford
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Assessing funding and market frameworks for greenhouse gas removals**
measures in the 2025 Spending Review | commercial models and investor confidence | governance and accountability | long-term contracts for engineered removals and power BECCS | revenue support mechanisms and investment certainty | phased incorporation of verified removals into the UK ETS | carbon market regulation and consistency with voluntary schemes | priorities for MRV, permanence and certification | development of UK standards for removals | sustainability criteria and feedstock sourcing | UK position in international markets and standards | cross-border trade and sustainability of imported biomass
Joel Gould, Markets and Policy Lead, BeZero Carbon
Gabrielle Walker, Chief Scientist and Co-Founder, Cur8
Angela Hepworth, Commercial and Carbon Markets Director, Drax
Stacey Collins, Partner, Pinsent Masons
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Hunt of Kings Heath, former Minister of State, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (2024-2025)
- 10.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Siobhan Sherry, Head of Delivery, GGR Independent Review, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
- 10.30 **Integrating greenhouse gas removal infrastructure into decarbonisation systems**
Liam Lidstone, Business Leader, Energy Infrastructure and Clean Tech, Energy Systems Catapult
- 10.40 **The future for the technology mix - DACCS, BECCS and innovative approaches**
infrastructure requirements and readiness | adapting biomass and waste facilities | feedstock supply chain robustness | balance with land use and food security | permanence and durability across pathways | MRV development for innovative approaches | sustainability of imported biomass | role of certification and verification for deployment at scale
Karl Smyth, Director, Strategic Policy and External Affairs, Enfinium
Professor Niall Mac Dowell, Professor of Future Energy Systems, Imperial College London
Ryan King, Chief Commercial Officer, UNDO
Steve Kelly, President and General Manager, 1PointFive International
- 11.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.25 **Chair's closing remarks**
Siobhan Sherry, Head of Delivery, GGR Independent Review, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
- 11.30 Break
- 11.40 **Chair's opening remarks**
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum
- 11.45 **'Considerations for environmental permitting and planning'**
Mark Ellis-Jones, Manager, Climate Change and Energy, Environment Agency
- 11.55 **Priorities for infrastructure, planning and delivery for removals deployment**
repurposing and upgrading existing industrial assets | developing shared CO₂ transport and storage infrastructure | readiness of deployment clusters | alignment with net zero energy and land-use strategies | planning and permitting requirements and overcoming delays | regional deployment priorities from Industrial Strategy and the UK Infrastructure Strategy | coordination with transport and storage licensing and network development | workforce capacity and skills needs | approaches to community consent and transparency | legal powers and enabling regulation, including accountability and transparency frameworks
Greg Williams, Head, External Affairs, Evero Energy
Dalia Majumder-Russell, Partner, CMS
Despoina Tsimpridakou, Senior Policy Officer, CCSA
- 12.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.45 **Greenhouse gas removals - priorities for policy and governance**
Jess Mackenzie, Head, GGR Strategy, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.10 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum