

Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference
Next steps for environmental standards, protection and improvement in England

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Aligning policy and practice for environmental improvement - OEP recommendations**
Dame Glenys Stacey, Chair, Office for Environmental Protection
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Rapid review of the Environmental Improvement Plan - key findings and stakeholder views**
accelerating habitat restoration, species and land protection | integrating climate adaptation into environmental standards and long-term planning | implementing OEP recommendations for nature-friendly farming, marine conservation and circular economy frameworks | next steps for delivering nine new National River Walks and three new National Forests
Ben Goodwin, Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment
Senior representative, marine
Senior representative, circular economy
Senior representative, land use
Senior representative, water
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Coordinating national and local strategies for long-term environmental improvement**
Senior commentator, local nature recovery
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Practical strategies for balancing land use and conservation goals**
Senior representative, land use
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.25 **Priorities for supporting the contribution of farmers to environmental progress**
Senior representative, farmers
- 11.35 **Practical considerations and the way forward for achieving 30by30**
integrating 30by30 with existing frameworks such as ELMs and BNG | encouraging voluntary conservation through streamlined processes and incentives | exploring funding priorities and enabling public-private collaboration | long-term conservation management and expanding nature-based solutions
Bethany Turner, Environment Policy Adviser, Country Land and Business Association
Nicola Ranger, Director, Global Finance and Economy Group, Environmental Change Institute
Senior representative, nature-based solutions
Senior representative, agriculture
Senior representative, legal
- 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for policy, planning and delivery of improved environmental protection and standards**
Elliott Miller, Head, 30by30 on land, Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs
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