

Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum policy conference:

Land use in England - priorities for food production, biodiversity and climate adaptation, and supporting agriculture

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 17th October 2024

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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
The Earl of Devon
- 9.05 **Assessing the current state of land use policy, trends in demands on land in England and key considerations for policy**
Lord Cameron of Dillington, former Chair, Land Use in England Committee
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Strategic options for tackling pressures on land and developing and delivering an effective land use framework**
Sue Pritchard, Chief Executive, Food, Farming and Countryside Commission
- 9.45 **Stakeholder priorities for the future of land allocation, coordination and policy**
supporting food production and environmental improvement | assessing the direction of government policy | optimum coordination of policy to account for changing land use pressures | how can land use policy best contribute to national objectives including economic growth, food security, climate change adaptation and net zero | options for increasing public footfall and access to land and nature | priorities for leadership and strategic direction for managing land
Dr Lydia Collas, Head of Natural Environment, Green Alliance
David Baldock, Senior Fellow, Agriculture and Land Management, Institute for European Environmental Policy
Carolyn McKenzie, Director of Environment, Surrey County Council
Dr Roslyn Henry, Interdisciplinary Fellow, University of Aberdeen
Sam Durham, Chief Land Management Adviser, National Farmers' Union
- 10.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
The Earl of Devon
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Taylor of Holbeach CBE
- 11.05 **'Options for enabling transformational change in land use: working with triggers, collaboration and social justice'**
Professor Lee-Ann Sutherland, Director, International Land Use Study Centre, The James Hutton Institute
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Examining key challenges for developing a strategic approach to nature restoration and landscape conservation**
Professor Bob Smith, Professor in Conservation Science and Director, Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology, University of Kent
- 11.40 **Strategies for delivering sustainable land management and maximising resilience**
expanding regenerative farming practices | improving soil health and water quality | assessing the role of ELMs and environmental schemes | priorities for increasing nature restoration and improving green spaces | unlocking nature-rich habitats to tackle climate change and biodiversity loss | holistic approaches to building long-term sustainability and productivity
Susan Twining, Chief Land Use Policy Adviser, CLA
Richard Reynolds, Senior Agronomy Advisor, Anglian Water
Professor Richard Pywell, Science Area Head, Biodiversity, UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology
Jenna Hegarty, Head of Policy, Nature Friendly Farming Network
Alice Groom, Head of Sustainable Land Use Policy, RSPB
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Latest thinking of global climate change risks, and implications for food security, government policy and the future direction of land use in England**
Dustin Benton, Managing Director, Sustainability, Forefront Advisers
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**
Lord Taylor of Holbeach CBE
Jessica Lear, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum