

**Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum policy conference:
Next steps for food policy and priorities for the new Government**

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 6th November 2024

*****Taking Place Online*****



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Professor Neil Ward, School of Environmental Sciences, University of East Anglia
- 9.05 **Assessing the current state of play of UK food policy**
Professor Tim Lang, Emeritus Professor, Food Policy, City St George's, University of London
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Priorities for investment and supporting growth and productivity in the UK food sector**
- Delivering confidence for farm businesses: improving infrastructure and effective payment schemes*
Jack Watts, Sustainability Group Lead, National Farmers' Union
- Opportunities for the manufacturing sector: technology, workforce and the trading environment*
Caroline Keohane, Head, Industry Growth, Food and Drink Federation
- 'Developing the food system's contribution to a net zero UK'*
Professor Neil Ward, School of Environmental Sciences, University of East Anglia
- Building a secure and stable workforce: approaches to addressing key shortages*
Stephen Jacob, Chief Executive, The Institute for Agriculture and Horticulture
- Next steps for innovation: developing research and technology to deliver productivity and adaptation*
Dr Dave Chandler, Senior Research Scientist, University of Warwick
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Professor Neil Ward, School of Environmental Sciences, University of East Anglia
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Jessica Burt, Associate, Food Law, Mills & Reeve
- 11.15 **Examining key options for UK food policy**
Mhairi Brown, Head, Food Futures, Food, Farming and Countryside Commission
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **The future outlook for consumer transparency, standards and the food environment**
- Opportunities for trade policy: agreements, border controls and UK food standards*
Dr Emily Lydgate, Co-Director, UK Trade Policy Observatory; and Professor of Law, University of Sussex
- Animal health and welfare: next steps for improving standards of British produce*
Anthony Field, Head, UK, Compassion in World Farming
- Food labelling and advertising: opportunities and challenges going forward*
Jessica Burt, Associate, Food Law, Mills & Reeve
- Supporting healthy food product development: reformulation and public health messaging*
Lauren Woodley, Group Nutrition Leader, Nomad Foods
- Assessing key consumer priorities for the food and drink sector*
Sue Davies, Head, Consumer Rights and Food Policy, Which?
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**
Jessica Burt, Associate, Food Law, Mills & Reeve
Jessica Lear, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum