

Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum Keynote Seminar

Beyond the CAP - the future for UK agriculture post-Brexit

with

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Chaired by:

Sue Hayman MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and **Neil Parish MP**, Chair, House of Commons Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee

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This seminar will bring together key stakeholders to discuss the future opportunities and challenges for UK agriculture post-Brexit and beyond the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).

The agenda includes a keynote address from **Sarah Church**, Director, Future Farming & Countryside Programme, Defra and **Sue Hayman MP**, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has kindly agreed to chair a session.

As policymakers seek engagement on these issues further officials have registered to attend from: **BEIS, Committee on Climate Change, Defra, Food Standards Agency, Food Standards Scotland, Government Office for Science, HM Treasury, National Audit Office and the Welsh Government.**

Delegates will discuss the Government's plans to reform the payments model by incentivising farmers to carry out 'public goods' in order to receive future payments, as outlined in the [25 Year Environment Plan](#). They will also consider the criteria such as environmental enhancement, animal welfare, increasing productivity and protecting soil health, referred to in the [Health and Harmony: the future for food, farming and the environment in a Green Brexit](#) consultation.

Further sessions discuss agricultural policy in the devolved nations following the Government [analysis](#) on returning EU powers, which highlighted agricultural support amongst the 24 policy areas which would be temporarily retained by Westminster.

Sessions include discussion on:

- Agriculture in the UK - next steps for policy;
- Supporting farmers in developing agriculture and providing public goods post-Brexit;
- Soil health, sustainability and increasing productivity;
- Developing a funding system which works for farmers and Government;
- Accessing alternative sources of finance beyond subsidy;
- Preserving and enhancing natural capital post-Brexit;
- Alternative funding systems for agriculture - with a case study from the **Swiss Federal Office for Agriculture**;
- Developing trading relationships and maintaining competitiveness - with a case study from the **New Zealand High Commission**; and
- Opportunities for developing the farming sector across the UK.

The draft agenda is copied below and a regularly updated version is available to download [here](#). The seminar is organised on the basis of strict impartiality by the Westminster Food and Nutrition Forum. Follow us [@WFNFEvents](#) for live updates.

Speakers

We are delighted to be able to include in this seminar keynote addresses from: **Sarah Church**, Director, Future Farming & Countryside Programme, Defra; **David Barnes**, National Adviser on Agriculture Policy, The Scottish Government; **Patrick Begg**, Outdoors and Natural Resources Director, National Trust; **Krisztina Bende**, Head, International Trade Policy Unit, Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Research and Education, Swiss Federal Office for Agriculture; **Dr Chris Kebbell**, Incoming Agriculture Counsellor, New Zealand High Commission; **Dr Nerys Llewelyn Jones**, Managing Partner, Agri Advisor; **Paul Temple**, Farmer and Chair, Cereals & Oilseed Sector and Board Member, AHDB; **Nick von Westenholz**, Director, EU Exit and International Trade, NFU and **Neil Wilson**, Head of Agriculture, HSBC.

Sue Hayman MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and **Neil Parish MP**, Chair, House of Commons Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee have kindly agreed to chair this seminar.

Additional senior participants are being approached.

Networking

Westminster Food and Nutrition Forum seminars present an opportunity to engage with key policymakers and other interested parties, and is **CPD** certified ([more details](#)). Places have been reserved by parliamentary pass-holders from the **House of Commons** and officials from **BEIS; Committee on Climate Change; Defra; Food Standards Agency; Food Standards Scotland; Government Office for Science; HM Treasury; National Audit Office** and the **Welsh Government**. Also due to attend are representatives from **Agricultural Industries Confederation; Cereals & Oilseeds; Dunbia; Fera Science; French Embassy; G R Bletcher & Son** and **Royal Agricultural University**.

Overall, we expect speakers and attendees to be a senior and informed group numbering around 120, including Members of both Houses of Parliament, senior officials from the Department of Health and Social Care and other relevant Departments, public health professionals, representatives of the food and drink industry, including manufacturers, retailers, and suppliers, local government officials, representatives of the dietetic and pharmaceutical industries, academics, charities and consumer groups, together with reporters from the national and trade media.

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All delegates will receive complimentary PDF copies and are invited to contribute to the content.

The Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum is strictly impartial and cross-party, and draws on the considerable support it receives from within Parliament and Government, and amongst the wider stakeholder community. The Forum has no policy agenda of its own. Forum events are frequently the platform for major policy statements from senior Ministers, regulators and other officials, opposition speakers and senior opinion-formers in industry and interest groups. Events regularly receive prominent coverage in the national and trade media.

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- Places at *Beyond the CAP - the future for UK agriculture post-Brexit* (including refreshments and PDF copy of the transcripts) are **£230** plus VAT;
- Concessionary rate places for small charities, unfunded individuals and those in similar circumstances are **£85** plus VAT. Please be sure to apply for this at the time of booking.

For those who cannot attend:

- Copies of the [briefing document](#), including full transcripts of all speeches and the questions and comments sessions and further articles from interested parties, will be available approximately **12 days** after the event for **£95** plus VAT;
- Concessionary rate: **£50** plus VAT.

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8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee

9.00 - 9.10 **Chair's opening remarks**

Neil Parish MP, Chair, House of Commons Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee

9.10 - 9.45 **Agriculture in the UK - next steps for policy**

Sarah Church, Director, Future Farming & Countryside Programme, Defra

Questions and comments from the floor

Key perspectives on moving forward from the Common Agricultural Policy

9.45 - 9.55 *Supporting farmers in developing agriculture and providing public goods post-Brexit*

Nick von Westenholz, Director, EU Exit and International Trade, NFU

9.55 - 10.05 *Soil health, sustainability and increasing productivity*

Paul Temple, Farmer and Chair, Cereals & Oilseed Sector and Board Member, AHDB

10.05 - 10.15 *Developing a funding system which works for farmers and policy objectives*

Dr Nerys Llewelyn Jones, Managing Partner, Agri Advisor

10.15 - 10.25 *Accessing alternative sources of finance*

Neil Wilson, Head of Agriculture, HSBC

10.25 - 10.35 *Preserving and enhancing natural capital post-Brexit*

Patrick Begg, Outdoors and Natural Resources Director, National Trust

10.35 - 11.00 Questions and comments from the floor

11.00 - 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**

Neil Parish MP, Chair, House of Commons Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee

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Sue Hayman MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

11.40 - 11.50 **Case study - an alternative funding system for agriculture**

Kristina Bende, Head, International Trade Policy Unit, Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Research and Education, Swiss Federal Office for Agriculture

11.50 - 12.00 **Case study - developing trading relationships and maintaining competitiveness**

Dr Chris Kebbell, Incoming Agriculture Counsellor, New Zealand High Commission

Opportunities for developing the farming sector across the UK

12.00 - 12.10 **David Barnes**, National Adviser on Agriculture Policy, The Scottish Government

12.10 - 12.20 Senior representative, Wales

12.20 - 12.30 Senior representative, Northern Ireland

12.30 - 12.55 Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum's closing remarks**

Sue Hayman MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum