



Formal Minutes of the Environmental Audit Committee in Session 2024–26

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They include:

- the names of the members who attended (all or part of) each meeting of the Committee;
- declarations of members' interests;
- details of written and oral evidence reported to the House by the Committee;
- any other formal decisions taken by the Committee (recorded as 'orders' or 'resolutions'), for example to begin an inquiry, to report evidence to the House, to make a visit or to appoint a specialist adviser; and
- visits made by the Committee.

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Tuesday 29 October 2024

Members present¹

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair²

Julia Buckley

Ellie Chowns

Sarah Gibson

Chris Hinchliff

Martin Rhodes

Blake Stephenson

Alison Taylor

John Whitby

1. Declaration of Interests

Members declared their interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Committee methods of working

Ordered, That the Committee examine witnesses in public unless it otherwise orders.

Resolved, That witnesses who submit written evidence to the Committee are authorised to publish it on their own account in accordance with Standing Order No. 135, subject always to the discretion of the Chair or where the Committee orders otherwise.

Resolved, That the Committee shall not consider individual cases.

Resolved, That where the Committee has evidence, including sent or received correspondence, which in the Chair's judgement, merits publication by the Committee before it will meet again, the Chair shall have discretion to report it to the House for publication.

¹ The list of Members present at each meeting of the Committee indicates those committee members who were present for all or part of the meeting.

² Elected by the House (Standing Order No. 122B); see Votes and Proceedings, 11 September 2024.

Resolved, That the Committee delegates the following matters to the Chair:

- Agreeing the circulated agenda for Committee meetings (subject to the right of any Committee member to raise issues for the Committee to consider);
- Engaging in correspondence on Committee matters which is not sufficiently significant to require approval by the Committee or is of a routine nature;
- Reporting written evidence or correspondence to the House between meetings (provided that i) the evidence or correspondence concerned shall have been circulated to the Committee and ii) all members shall have been given the opportunity to object to such publication before it takes place)
- Arranging informal meetings in Westminster on matters relating to the Committee's remit (for example, with visiting parliamentarians);
- Authorising the issue of press notices about forthcoming evidence sessions, new inquiries and reports;
- subject to a degree of prior negotiation, proposing reports to the Liaison Committee for debate in Westminster Hall;
- Taking decisions which are consequential on matters already decided by the Committee or which are urgent.

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 6 November 2024 at 2.00 pm.

Wednesday 6 November 2024

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Ellie Chowns

Barry Gardiner

Anna Gelderd

Sarah Gibson
Pippa Heylings
Chris Hinchliff
Martin Rhodes
Blake Stephenson
Alison Taylor
John Whitby

1. Declaration of Interests

Barry Gardiner, Anna Gelderd and Pippa Heylings declared their interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. The work of the National Audit Office

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero concerning the Government's response to the Committee's Sixth Report of Session 2023–24, on Enabling sustainable electrification of the economy, dated 6 November 2024

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Transport concerning the Government's response to the Committee's Seventh Report of Session 2023–24, on Net zero and UK shipping, dated 6 November 2024

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs concerning the Government's response to the Committee's Eighth Report of Session 2023–24, on Environmental audit in the 2019 Parliament, dated 6 November 2024.

4. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into National Planning Policy Framework reforms and the environment.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Delivering the Government's climate targets.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 13 November 2024 at 2.00 pm

Wednesday 13 November 2024

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Julia Buckley

Ellie Chowns

Anna Gelderd

Sarah Gibson

Pippa Heylings

Chris Hinchliff

Martin Rhodes

Blake Stephenson

Alison Taylor

Cameron Thomas

John Whitby

1. Declaration of Interests

Olivia Blake and Cameron Thomas declared their interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Guesting

Resolved, That members of the Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 20 November 2024 relating to National Planning Policy Framework reforms and the environment, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

Resolved, That members of the Energy Security and Net Zero Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 27 November 2024 relating to Delivering the Government's

climate targets, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

3. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Correspondence with the Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury concerning the Government response to its consultation on a carbon border adjustment mechanism, dated 30 October and 14 November 2024.

4. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into The UK and the Antarctic environment.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into The role of natural capital in the green economy.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Environmental sustainability and housing growth.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the work of the Office for Environmental Protection

5. The UK and the Antarctic environment

Ordered, That Professor Mark Brandon be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters related to The UK and the Antarctic environment. (For details of declarations of interests, see Appendix.)

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 20 November 2024 at 2.00 pm.

Wednesday 20 November 2024

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Julia Buckley

Ellie Chowns

Barry Gardiner

Anna Gelderd

Sarah Gibson

Chris Hinchliff

Martin Rhodes

Blake Stephenson

Cameron Thomas

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit Roots and Shoots in Kennington, London, in connection with its work.

2. National Planning Policy Framework reforms and the environment

Professor Alister Scott, Professor of Environmental Geography and Planning, Northumbria University; Anthony Breach, Associate Director, Centre for Cities; and Sophie O'Connell, Senior Policy Adviser, Green Alliance, gave oral evidence.

Hugh Ellis, Director of Policy, Town and Country Planning Association; Councillor Richard Wright, Leader, North Kesteven District Council and planning spokesperson, District Councils' Network; and Sam Stafford, Planning Director, Home Builders Federation, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 27 November 2024 at 2.00 pm.

Wednesday 27 November 2024

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Julia Buckley

Ellie Chowns

Barry Gardiner

Sarah Gibson

Chris Hinchliff

Martin Rhodes

Cameron Thomas

John Whitby

Bill Esterson also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Environmental Audit Committee resolution of 13 November 2024).

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Energy Security & Net Zero concerning a Government response to the Committee's report on Enabling sustainable electrification of the economy, dated November 2024.

2. The role of natural capital in the green economy

Ordered, That Dr Sophus zu Ermgassen be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters related to The role of natural capital in the green economy. (For details of declarations of interests, see Appendix.)

3. Delivering the Government's climate targets

Professor Piers Forster, Interim Chair, Climate Change Committee; and Dr James Richardson, Director of Analysis, Climate Change Committee gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 4 December 2024 at 2.00 pm.

Wednesday 4 December 2024

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Ellie Chowns

Barry Gardiner

Anna Gelderd

Pippa Heylings

Martin Rhodes

Alison Taylor

Cameron Thomas

John Whitby

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in response to a recommendation made in the Eighth Report of the

Committee, Session 2023-24, on Environmental audit in the 2019 Parliament, dated 29 November 2024

Correspondence from the Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury concerning the Government response to its consultation on a carbon border adjustment mechanism, dated 29 November 2024.

National Planning Policy Framework reforms and the environment:

Professor Alister Scott (Professor of Environmental Geography and Planning at Northumbria University) [NPPF0001]

2. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Flood resilience in England.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Governing the marine environment.

3. The role of natural capital in the green economy

Rt Hon Philip Dunne, Chairman (2020–2024), Environmental Audit Select Committee, gave oral evidence.

Judicaelle Hammond, Director of Policy and Advice, Country Land and Business Association; and Alan Carter, Chief Executive Officer, The Land Trust, gave oral evidence.

Helen Avery, Director, Nature Programmes and GFI Hive, Green Finance Institute; Kate McGavin, Chief Policy and Strategy Officer, National Wealth Fund; and Dr Heather Plumpton, Head of Research, Green Alliance, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 11 December 2024 at 2.00 pm.

Wednesday 11 December 2024

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Julia Buckley

Ellie Chowns

Barry Gardiner

Anna Gelderd

Sarah Gibson

Pippa Heylings

Chris Hinchliff

Martin Rhodes

Blake Stephenson

Alison Taylor

Cameron Thomas

John Whitby

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit the National Oceanography Centre in Southampton, in connection with its inquiry into Governing the marine environment.

2. Environmental sustainability and housing growth

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The UK and the Antarctic environment

James Gray, Former Chair, Environmental Audit Sub-Committee on Polar Research (2023–24) gave oral evidence.

Professor Dame Jane Francis DCMG, Director, British Antarctic Survey; and Dr Iain Williams, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Natural Environment Research Council, gave oral evidence.

Pippa Heylings declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into The UK and the Antarctic environment, namely that she engaged in work supporting the Blue Belt Programme before becoming an MP.

The Lord Vallance of Balham KCB, Minister of State for Science, Research and Innovation, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology; Stephen Doughty MP, Minister of State for Europe, North America and Overseas Territories, Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office; and Jane Rumble OBE Head of the Polar Regions Department, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, gave oral evidence

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 18 December 2024 at 2.00 pm

Wednesday 18 December 2024

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Julia Buckley

Ellie Chowns

Barry Gardiner

Anna Gelderd

Sarah Gibson

Chris Hinchliff

Martin Rhodes

Blake Stephenson

John Whitby

1. Guesting

Resolved, That Sarah Gibson attend the meeting of the Energy Security and Net Zero Committee on 8 January 2025 relating to the Work of the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

Resolved, That Barry Gardiner attend the meeting of the Energy Security and Net Zero Committee on 15 January 2025 relating to the Work of the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under

Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Netherlands in connection with its inquiries into Flood resilience in England and Environmental sustainability and housing growth, and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

3. Enabling sustainable electrification of the UK economy

Draft Special Report (Enabling sustainable electrification of the economy: Government Response to the Committee's Sixth Report of Session 2023–24), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Sixth Report from the Committee of Session 2023–24 in the last Parliament was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the First Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

4. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs relating to a decision notice issued by the Office for Environmental Protection in respect of failures to comply with environmental law regarding regulatory oversight of untreated sewage discharges, dated 18 December 2024.

5. The role of natural capital in the green economy

Mary Creagh CBE MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Nature), Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Helen Edmundson, Deputy

Director, Green Finance, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; and Dr Will Lockhart OBE, Deputy Director, International Biodiversity and Wildlife, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 8 January 2025 at 2.00 pm

Thursday 19 December 2024

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 29 October 2024:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero relating to enabling sustainable electrification of the economy

Wednesday 8 January 2025

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Ellie Chowns

Barry Gardiner

Anna Gelderd

Pippa Heylings

Chris Hinchliff

Martin Rhodes

Blake Stephenson

Cameron Thomas

1. Guesting

Resolved, That members of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 15 January 2025 relating to Environmental sustainability and housing growth, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Outcomes of UNFCCC COP29

3. Governing the marine environment

Dr Michaela Schratzberger, Science Director (Environment), Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS); David Tomaney, Chief Data Officer, UK Hydrographic Office; and Alan Evans, Head of Marine Policy, National Oceanography Centre, gave oral evidence.

Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice, Chair of Public International Law, Queen Mary University of London; Professor Philippa Webb, Professor of Public International Law, University of Oxford; and Professor Richard Barnes, Professor of International Law, University of Lincoln, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 14 January 2025 at 9.00 am at Roots and Shoots in Kennington, London.

Tuesday 14 January 2025

The Chair, Olivia Blake, Julia Buckley, Ellie Chowns, Barry Gardiner, Anna Gelderd, Chris Hinchliff, Martin Rhodes, Blake Stephenson, Alison Taylor, Cameron Thomas visited Roots and Shoots in Kennington, London in connection with the Committee's work, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 20 November 2024.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 15 January 2025 at 2.00 pm.

Wednesday 15 January 2025

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Olivia Blake
Julia Buckley
Ellie Chowns
Anna Gelderd
Pippa Heylings
Chris Hinchliff
Martin Rhodes
Blake Stephenson
Alison Taylor

Sarah Dyke also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Environmental Audit Committee resolution of 8 January 2025).

1. Guesting

Resolved, That the Chair attend the meeting of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee on 21 January 2025 relating to Reforming the water sector, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs relating to the decision notice issued by the Office for Environmental Protection concerning its investigation into the regulation of combined sewer overflows, dated 13 January 2025

The UK and the Antarctic Environment

Dr Bethan Davies, Dr Huw Griffiths, and Professor Klaus Dodds [RAT0001]

National Oceanography Centre [RAT0003]

International Thwaites Glacier Collaboration [RAT0004]

Imogen Bailes, Isla Thorpe, Francesa Mason, Charlotte RobisonSmith, Lowenna Jones, Eve Tarring, Lucy Hart, Ola Dosunmu, Holly Hulme, Joseph D'Souza, Dr. Andrew Sweetman [RAT0005]

Prof Martin Siegert; Dr Sammie Buzzard; Dr Heïdi Sevestre; Prof Michael Bentley; Prof Helen Amanda Fricker; Dr Sian Henley; Dr Robert Larter [RAT0006]

UK Polar Network [RAT0007]

UK Centre for Polar Observation and Modelling [RAT0008]

The Pew Charitable Trusts [RAT0009]

The role of natural capital in the green economy

Scottish Forum on Natural Capital, Highlands Rewilding [RNC0002]

Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust [RNC0003]

Caroline Dixey, Suresh Renukappa, Subashini Suresh, and Panagiotis Georgakis [RNC0004]

The Sustainable Soils Alliance [RNC0005]

Natural England [RNC0006]

Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment [RNC0007]

WWFUK [RNC0008]

Dr Nicola Ranger, Dr Jimena Alvarez [RNC0009]

Environmental sustainability and housing growth

Professor WellborneHartley [ESH0001]

Paul Brannen [ESH0002]

Baron John Crawford [ESH0003]

Margaret Stayton [ESH0004]

Community Planning Alliance [ESH0005]

Daniel Scharf [ESH0006]

Bioabundance Community Interest Company [ESH0007]

Historic Houses [ESH0008]

Professor Malcolm Tait, Dr Kiera Chapman [ESH0010]

Climate Emergency UK [ESH0011]

The Association for Consultancy and

Engineering (ACE), and the Environmental Industries Commission (EIC) [ESH0012]

Campaign for National Parks [ESH0013]

Keepmoat Homes [ESH0014]

Thakeham [ESH0015]
Mr Nigel Balchin [ESH0016]
Earth Building UK and Ireland [ESH0017]
The Council for British Archaeology and Chartered Institute for Archaeologists [ESH0018]
Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment [ESH0019]
Mr Mark Stride, Dr Suresh Renukappa and Professor Subashini Suresh (University of Wolverhampton) [ESH0020]
The Wildlife Trusts [ESH0021]
Smart Growth UK [ESH0022]
CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND (CPRE) [ESH0023]
Sarah Champion, Mike Farrell [ESH0024]
Home Builders Federation [ESH0025]
The Land Trust [ESH0026]
Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists [ESH0027]
National Trust [ESH0028]
Dr Charles Gillott, Dr Danielle Densley Tingley, Dr Hadi Arbabi, Danielle Abbey, Miriam Graham and Dr Stephen Hincks (University of Sheffield) [ESH0029]
Pennon Group PLC [ESH0030]
Green Alliance [ESH0031]
Essex Planning Officers Association [ESH0032]
The Rivers Trust [ESH0033]
Churn Churches Climate Action Group [ESH0035]
Laura Swaffield [ESH0036]
Chartered Institute of Housing [ESH0037]
Conor Crooks [ESH0038]
The Woodland Trust [ESH0039]
Catchment Based Approach Urban Water Group [ESH0040]
Healthy Air Coalition [ESH0041]
Horticultural Trades Association [ESH0042]
Dr Matthew Kirby [ESH0043]
Sally Pannifex [ESH0044]
Chartered Association of Building Engineers [ESH0045]
UK100 [ESH0046]
AWGroup [ESH0047]
Miriam Graham CEng MICE [ESH0048]
Human Nature Places [ESH0049]
British Ecological Society [ESH0050]

Historic England [ESH0051]
Ove Arup and Partners [ESH0052]
EARTHA East Anglian Regional Telluric Houses Association [ESH0053]
Rights Community Action [ESH0054]
Manchester Social Housing Commission [ESH0055]
Refurbish Don't Demolish [ESH0056]
Diane Skidmore [ESH0057]
Natural England [ESH0058]
Confederation of Timber Industries, Timber Development UK [ESH0059]
The Royal Institute of British Architects [ESH0060]
Town & Country Planning Association [ESH0061]
Mineral Products Association [ESH0063]
The UK Green Building Council [ESH0064]
Landworkers' Alliance [ESH0065]
Friends of the Earth England, Wales and Northern Ireland [ESH0066]
Environmental Building Research Group, University of Plymouth
Dr Jannik Gieseckam (University of Strathclyde); Prof Alice Moncaster, (University of the West of England) [ESH0067]
Prof Francesco Pomponi, (York School of Architecture); Prof Aoife Houlihan Wiberg (University of Bath); Justin Bean (Hawkins\Brown & University of Bath); Dr Stephen Allen (University of Bath) [ESH0068]
The Office for Environmental Protection [ESH0069]
Plantlife [ESH0070]
Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust [ESH0071]
Compassion in World Farming [ESH0072]
Country Land and Business Association (CLA) [ESH0074]
Part Z [ESH0075]
Dark Matter Labs, Arup and UCL IIPP [ESH0076]
The Edge [ESH0077]
CoMoUK Trust [ESH0078]
Sustain [ESH0079]
Mr Alexander Forbes [ESH0080]
Wildlife and Countryside Link [ESH0081]
Policy Impact Unit and Net Zero What Works Centre at University College London [ESH0082]
Miss Georgina Schueller [ESH0084]
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government [ESH0085]

3. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Natural History Museum in London, in connection with its work.

4. Environmental sustainability and housing growth

Alistair Smyth, Director of Policy and Research, National Housing Federation; Charles Trew, Head of Policy, Shelter; and Ed Lockhart, Chief Executive, Future Homes Hub, gave oral evidence.

Erika Lewis, Chief Executive Officer, Connected Places Catapult; Professor Rokia Raslan, Professor of Built Environment Decarbonisation, University College London; and Becky Pullinger, Head of Land Use Planning, The Wildlife Trusts, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 22 January 2025 at 2.00 pm

Wednesday 22 January 2025

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Julia Buckley

Ellie Chowns

Barry Gardiner

Anna Gelderd

Pippa Heylings

Chris Hinchliff

Martin Rhodes

Alison Taylor

Cameron Thomas

John Whitby

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Correspondence from the Minister for Energy, Department for Energy Security & Net Zero, relating to the Government response to the EAC's report 'Enabling sustainable electrification of the economy', dated 16 January 2025

Environmental sustainability and housing growth

Dr Philip Graham, Dr Anna Pagani, Dr Michal Drewniok [ESH0083]

The UK and the Antarctic Environment

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Europe, North America and Overseas Territories, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, dated 18 December 2024 and 17 January 2025.

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Science, Research and Innovation, Department for Science, Innovation & Technology, dated January 2025.

2. The UK and the Antarctic Environment

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Environmental sustainability and housing growth

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Flood resilience in England

The Baroness Brown of Cambridge DBE, Chair, Adaptation Committee, Committee on Climate Change; and Professor Richard Dawson, Member, Adaptation Committee, Committee on Climate Change, gave oral evidence.

Professor Jim Hall, Commissioner, National Infrastructure Commission; Professor Briony McDonagh, Professor of Environmental Humanities, University of Hull; Professor Larissa Naylor, Professor of Geomorphology and Environmental Geography, University of Glasgow; and Paul Sayers, Partner, Sayers and Partners, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 27 January 2025 at 4.15 pm.

Monday 27 January 2025

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Julia Buckley

Ellie Chowns

Barry Gardiner

Anna Gelderd

Pippa Heylings

Chris Hinchliff

Martin Rhodes

Blake Stephenson

Alison Taylor

John Whitby

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

The role of natural capital in the green economy

Office for National Statistics [RNC0010]

2. Outcomes of UNFCCC COP29

Rt Hon Ed Miliband MP, Secretary of State, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero; Lee McDonough, Director General, Net Zero, Nuclear and International, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero; and Matt Toombs, Director, International Climate Finance and Strategy, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 29 January 2025 at 2.00 pm.

Wednesday 29 January 2025

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Barry Gardiner

Chris Hinchliff

1. Governing the marine environment

Dr Gemma Harper OBE, Chief Executive, Joint Nature Conservation Committee; Jennifer Godwin, Chief Executive Officer, Seabed User and Developer Group; and Gareth Cunningham, Director of Conservation and Policy, Marine Conservation Society, gave oral evidence.

Professor Melanie Austen, Professor of Ocean and Society, University of Plymouth; and Professor Heather Koldewey, Lead, Bertarelli Foundation's Marine Science Programme, Zoological Society of London, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 5 February 2025 at 2.00 pm.

Wednesday 5 February 2025

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Julia Buckley

Ellie Chowns
Barry Gardiner
Anna Gelderd
Pippa Heylings
Chris Hinchliff
Martin Rhodes
Blake Stephenson
Alison Taylor
John Whitby

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Governing the marine environment

Correspondence to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs dated 11 February 2025

2. Net zero and UK shipping

Draft Special Report (Net zero and UK shipping: Government Response to the Committee's Seventh Report of Session 2023–24), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Seventh Report from the Committee of Session 2023–24 in the last Parliament was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Second Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

3. Environmental sustainability and housing growth

Sarah Postlethwaite, Planning Ecologist, North Northamptonshire Council; Dr John Martin, Associate Professor, School of Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Plymouth; and Dr Iain Boulton, Vice Chair at Association of Local Government Ecologists (ALGE), gave oral evidence

Alison Taylor declared a nonpecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Environmental sustainability and housing growth, namely that before becoming an MP she was a chartered surveyor, and is still a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Dr Victoria Hills, Chief Executive, Royal Town Planning Institute; Ben Kite, Chair, Strategic Policy Panel, Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management; and Charlotte Neal, Director of Surveying Practice, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 12 February 2025 at 2.00 pm.

Wednesday 12 February 2025

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Julia Buckley

Ellie Chowns

Barry Gardiner

Chris Hinchliff

Martin Rhodes

Alison Taylor

Cameron Thomas

John Whitby

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Transport relating to the Government's Response to the Seventh Report from the Environmental Audit Committee of Session 2023–24, on Net zero and UK shipping, dated 12 February 2025

Environmental sustainability and housing growth

Colne Valley Regional Park [ESH0062]

The Wildlife Trusts [ESH0086]

Flooding resilience in England

Dr Katie Parsons [FRE0001]

Dr Nick Chappell [FRE0002]

Professor Lee Boshier; Professor Ksenia Chmutina; Professor Mark Gussy; Mr Bartholomew Hill; Dr Tim Marjoribanks; Dr Harriet Moore; Mr Jonathan Vann [FRE0003]

Mrs Linda Bevan, Mr Alan Carter [FRE0004]

Professor Stephen Martin [FRE0007]

Beaver Trust [FRE0009]

Mrs Thanea Hodges [FRE0011]

marine flooding resilience Nigel Cook [FRE0012]

John Stone [FRE0014]

Flood Technology Group [FRE0015]

Save Hemsby Coastline [FRE0016]

East Peckham Parish Council [FRE0017]

Mr Hugh Disley [FRE0018]

Mx Pax Butchart [FRE0019]

Dr Josh Wolstenholme [FRE0020]

Mrs Mary LongDhonau OBE [FRE0021]

Siddington Parish Council [FRE0023]

Mrs Helen Paris [FRE0024]

Policy Connect [FRE0025]

Bedford Group of Drainage Boards [FRE0026]

Ryde Monkton Area Flood Association [FRE0027]

Mr Clive Walker [FRE0028]

Mr Peter Lines [FRE0029]

Mr Raymond Stockall [FRE0030]

Historic England [FRE0031]

Cornwall Council [FRE0032]

Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research: Dr Katie Jenkins, Prof. Robert Nicholls, Dr Ing. Paul Sayers [FRE0033]

Christian Malford Parish Council [FRE0034]

Cllr Martin Smith [FRE0035]

South Hampstead Flood Action Group [FRE0036]

Mrs Jacqueline Bailey [FRE0039]
Watton & Saham Flood Action Group [FRE0040]
Wellesbourne & Walton Flood Action Group (WWFAG) [FRE0043]
Dr Andrew Johnston, Mr Paul Cobbing [FRE0044]
Community Planning Alliance [FRE0045]
Cumbria Rivers Authority Governance Group (CRAGG) [FRE0047]
Sam Gibson [FRE0049]
Mr Robert Haddon, Mr Colin Dalziel [FRE0050]
Pulteney Estate Residents' Association [FRE0051]
The Environmental Horticultural Group [FRE0052]
Dr Juliet de Little [FRE0053]
MetaInfrastructure.org [FRE0055]
Cambridgeshire County Council [FRE0056]
Diglis Flood Relief Action Group [FRE0057]
Shrewsbury Quarry Flood Action Group [FRE0058]
Floodmatik LTD [FRE0059]
Down Ampney Parish Council [FRE0060]
The Wildlife Trusts [FRE0061]
Mrs Lynn Shortt [FRE0062]
Dr. Caroline KamauMitchell [FRE0063]
Mr Garry Easter, Mrs Lynn Short, Mr Paul Hunter [FRE0064]
London Climate Resilience Review [FRE0065]
Pitcombe Flood Action [FRE0066]
Mr Graham Macilwraith [FRE0067]
Town and Country Planning Association [FRE0068]
Mrs Caroline Walker [FRE0070]
Centre for Flood Risk and Resilience, Brunel University of London [FRE0071]
Professor David Balmforth [FRE0072]
Michael Lomotey [FRE0073]
Norfolk County Council; Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance [FRE0074]
Institution of Mechanical Engineers [FRE0075]
Kent Flood Action Group Forum; National Flood Forum; Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee; Upper Medway Internal Drainage Board [FRE0076]
Mr Dan Williams [FRE0077]
Friends of the Earth (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) [FRE0078]
Fairford Town Council [FRE0079]
Alan Bailey [FRE0080]
Mr Chris Walker [FRE0081]

Cirencester Town Council [FRE0082]
Environment Agency [FRE0083]
Johan van den Dorpe [FRE0084]
Internal Drainage Boards Special Interest Group, South & East Lincolnshire
Councils Partnership [FRE0085]
Mr Jonathan Bristow [FRE0086]
Mr Stephen Blakey, Mr Tim Smith [FRE0087]
The National Flood Forum [FRE0088]
National Farmers Union [FRE0090]
Watertight International [FRE0091]
Energy and Environment Institute, University of Hull [FRE0093]
National Oceanography Centre [FRE0094]
Dr Sarah Percival [FRE0095]
Arup [FRE0096]
The Soil Association [FRE0097]
Direct Line Group [FRE0098]
Country Land and Business Association (CLA) [FRE0099]
Aviva [FRE0100]
Institute of Civil Protection and Emergency Management [FRE0101]
The Fabian Society [FRE0102]
Sustainable Soils Alliance [FRE0103]
Bucknell Flood Action Group [FRE0104]
GMB Union [FRE0105]
Greater London Authority [FRE0106]
Flood Re [FRE0107]
Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust [FRE0108]
British Red Cross [FRE0109]
Dr, Angela Connelly, Dr. Paul O'Hare [FRE0110]
Cllr Kate Halliday [FRE0111]
Herefordshire County Council [FRE0112]
Dr Steven Forrest [FRE0113]
The Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport
(ADEPT) Flood and Water Management Group (FWMG) [FRE0114]
Ashton Keynes Parish Council [FRE0115]

Governing the marine environment

Professor James Harrison [GME0001]
Deborah Rowan Wright [GME0002]

Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult [GME0003]
Association of Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities [GME0004]
Oceana UK [GME0005]
Dr Alexander Waller [GME0006]
Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice [GME0007]
Peel Ports Group [GME0008]
Professor Terry Dawson; Dr Constance Schere; Professor Kate Schreckenberg [GME0009]
Plymouth Marine Laboratory [GME0010]
Scientific Diving Supervisory Committee [GME0011]
Dr Pamela Buchan [GME0012]
Whale and Dolphin Conservation [GME0013]
Dr Paul Naylor [GME0015]
The Crown Estate [GME0027]
Professor Richard Barnes, Dr Mercedes Rosello [GME0040]
Dr Michaela Schratzberger [GME0047]
UK Hydrographic Office [GME0049]
UK Hydrographic Office [GME0051]

4. Flood resilience in England

Hannah Burgess, President, Chartered Institute of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM); Celia Davis, Senior Projects and Policy Manager, Town and Country Planning Association; and Rachel Hallos, Vice President, National Farmers' Union, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 26 February 2025 at 2.00 pm.

Wednesday 26 February 2025

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair
Julia Buckley
Ellie Chowns
Barry Gardiner

Anna Gelderd
Pippa Heylings
Chris Hinchliff
Martin Rhodes
Sammy Wilson

1. Declaration of interests

Sammy Wilson declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. The work of the Office for Environmental Protection

Dame Glenys Stacey DBE, Chair, Office for Environmental Protection; and Natalie Prosser, Chief Executive Officer, Office for Environmental Protection, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 27 February 2025 at 9.30 am at the National Oceanography Centre in Southampton.

Thursday 27 February 2025

The Chair, Ellie Chowns, Anna Gelderd, Martin Rhodes, and John Whitby, visited the National Oceanography Centre in Southampton in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Governing the marine environment, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 11 December 2024.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 5 March 2025 at 2.00 pm

Wednesday 5 March 2025

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Julia Buckley

Anna Gelderd

Martin Rhodes

Blake Stephenson

Alison Taylor

Cameron Thomas

John Whitby

Sammy Wilson

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit Newquay in Cornwall, in connection with its inquiry into Environmental sustainability and housing growth.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Proposals for the Seventh Carbon Budget.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the environmental protection policies of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

2. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Environmental sustainability and housing growth

Sarah Postlethwaite [ESH0087]

NatureSpace [ESH0088]

Flooding resilience in England

Newent Neighborhood Flood Association [FRE0010]

Mr Geoff Hoyle [FRE0022]

Mr Andrew Chapman [FRE0042]

Hydro-GIS Ltd [FRE0069]

Kempsford Parish Council [FRE0116]
Wildlife and Countryside Link, [Blueprint for Water FRE0117]
J Disley [FRE0118]
Professor Neil Macdonald [FRE0119]
JBA Consulting [FRE0120]
Anna Goodden, Dr James Porter, and Dr Francesca Vantaggiato [FRE0121]
Warwickshire County Council [FRE0122]
J E Collingborn & Son dairy farmers [FRE0124]
Canal and River Trust [FRE0125]
Islington Climate centre [FRE0126]
London Drainage Engineers [FRE0128]
Heath & Hampstead Society (Local Amenity Group) and Hampstead
Neighbourhood Forum [FRE0129]
Rewilding Britain [FRE0130]
Pennon Group PLC [FRE0131]
ADA (Association of Drainage Authorities) [FRE0132]
Prof Larissa Naylor [FRE0133]
Green Alliance [FRE0134]
The Lakes by Yoo [FRE0135]
Dame Harriett Baldwin MP [FRE0136]
Brinkworth Parish Council [FRE0137]
Association of British Insurers [FRE0138]
Zurich UK [FRE0140]
Lancashire County Council [FRE0142]
Mr Henry Veary [FRE0143]
Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management [FRE0144]
Institution of Civil Engineers [FRE0145]
Keith Newby [FRE0147]
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [FRE0148]
Professor Larissa Naylor [FRE0149]

Governing the marine environment

Greenpeace UK [GME0016]
RenewableUK [GME0017]
Ocean Conservation Trust [GME0018]
Scottish Association for Marine Science [GME0019]
Seal Research Trust [GME0020]
Wessex Archaeology [GME0021]

Natural England [GME0022]
The Pew Charitable Trusts [GME0023]
Professor Jon Pitchford [GME0024]
Dr Raffaella Guida [GME0025]
Dr Lucy Hawkes, Dr Matthew Witt [GME0026]
Joint Nautical Archaeology Policy Committee [GME0028]
National Oceanography Centre [GME0029]
Dr Clare Postlethwaite [GME0030]
The Open Seas Trust [GME0031]
UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum [GME0032]
Professor Peter Jones [GME0033]
Blue Marine Foundation [GME0034]
Great Blue Ocean coalition [GME0035]
Joint Nature Conservation Committee [GME0036]
British Marine Aggregate Producers Association [GME0037]
Historic England [GME0038]
The Wildlife Trusts [GME0039]
Orsted [GME0041]
RWE Renewables Ltd [GME0042]
Wildlife and Countryside Link [GME0043]
Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) [GME0044]
Northern Ireland Marine Task Force [GME0045]
Marine Conservation Society [GME0046]
The Heritage Alliance [GME0048]
Crown Estate Scotland [GME0050]
Seabed User and Developer Group [GME0052]
Marine Conservation Society [GME0053]
Applied Marine Ecosystem Research (aMER) unit, University of Plymouth [GME0054]
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [GME0055]

Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for
Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, dated 3 March 2025

3. The role of natural capital in the green economy

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Governing the marine environment

Mike Cohen, CEO, National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations (NFFO); Jacques Villemot, Marine Rewilding Coordinator, Rewilding Britain; and Benj Sykes, Vice President and UK Country Manager, Ørsted, gave oral evidence.

Andrew Bell, Director, UNESCO Biosphere, North Devon; Mark Russell, Executive Director, British Marine Aggregate Producers Association; and Mark Simmonds, Director of Policy, The British Ports Association, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 12 March 2025 at 2.00 pm

Wednesday 12 March 2025

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Julia Buckley

Ellie Chowns

Anna Gelderd

Pippa Heylings

Chris Hinchliff

Martin Rhodes

Blake Stephenson

Alison Taylor

Cameron Thomas

John Whitby

Sammy Wilson

1. Guesting

Resolved, That members of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 24 March 2025 relating to the environmental protection policies of DEFRA, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

Resolved, That members of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 2 April 2025 relating to Governing the marine environment, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

Resolved, That members of Energy Security and Net Zero Committee, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, Science, Innovation and Technology Committee, and Transport Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 7 April 2025 relating to the Seventh Carbon Budget, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Flood resilience in England

United Utilities [FRE0141]

Net Zero & UK Shipping

correspondence from the Secretary of State for Transport, dated 3 March 2025

3. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Sunday 16 March 2025 in the Netherlands.

Sunday 16 March – Wednesday 19 March

The Chair, Julia Buckley, Ellie Chowns, Barry Gardiner, Anna Gelderd, Martin Rhodes, Blake Stephenson, Cameron Thomas, John Whitby, and Sammy Wilson visited The Netherlands in connection with the Committee's inquiries Flood resilience in England

and Environmental sustainability and housing growth, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 18 December 2024.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 24 March 2025 at 4.00 pm

Monday 24 March 2025

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Barry Gardiner

Anna Gelderd

Sarah Gibson

Alison Griffiths

Pippa Heylings

Chris Hinchliff

Martin Rhodes

Cameron Thomas

John Whitby

Sammy Wilson

Helena Dollimore also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Environmental Audit Committee resolution of 12 March 2025)

1. Declaration of interests

Alison Griffiths declared her interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Environmental sustainability and housing growth

Dr John Martin [ESH0089]

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors [ESH0090]

Flood resilience in England

Mark Stride, Suresh Renukappa, Victoria English, Subashini

Suresh, Lingaraja Gandhi, Jayakara Shetty and Chandrashekara Kalenahally

Gangegowda [FRE0013]

National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) [FRE0150]

National Farmers' Union [FRE0151]

Governing the marine environment

Joint Nature Conservation Committee [GME0056]

British Marine Aggregate Producers Association [GME0057]

3. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Airport expansion and climate and nature targets.

4. The environmental protection policies of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

The Rt Hon Steve Reed OBE MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; David Hill, Director General for Strategy and Water, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; and Sally Randall, Director General for Environment, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 2 April 2025 at 2.30 pm

Wednesday 2 April 2025

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Julia Buckley

Ellie Chowns

Barry Gardiner

Anna Gelderd

Sarah Gibson

Alison Griffiths

Chris Hinchliff

Martin Rhodes

Blake Stephenson

Alison Taylor

John Whitby

Sammy Wilson

Alistair Carmichael also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Environmental Audit Committee resolution of 12 March 2025)

1. The environmental protection policies of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Governing the marine environment

Michelle Willis, CEO, Marine Management Organisation; Olivia Thomas, Head of Planning and Technical, The Crown Estate; and Ronan O'Hara, Chief Executive, Crown Estate Scotland, gave oral evidence.

Emma Hardy MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Water and Flooding), Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; The Baroness Chapman of Darlington, Minister of State (International Development, Latin America and Caribbean), Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office; Mike Rowe, Director for Marine and Fisheries, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; and Helen Mulvein OBE, Deputy Director for Ocean Policy, and Legal Counsellor, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 7 April 2025 at 2.00 pm.

Monday 7 April 2025

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Ellie Chowns

Barry Gardiner

Sarah Gibson

Alison Griffiths

Chris Hinchliff

Sammy Wilson

Catherine Atkinson, Bill Esterson, and Chi Onwurah also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Environmental Audit Committee resolution of 12 March 2025)

1. Flood resilience in England

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Addressing the risks from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS).

3. The environmental protection policies of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

The work of the Office for Environmental Protection

Correspondence from the Chair of the Office for Environmental Protection, dated 1 April 2025

5. Proposals for the Seventh Carbon Budget

Emma Pinchbeck, Chief Executive, Climate Change Committee; Professor Piers Forster, Interim Chair, Climate Change Committee; and Dr James Richardson, Chief Economist and Director of Analysis, Climate Change Committee, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 23 April 2025 at 2.00 pm.

Tuesday 22 April 2025

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 29 October 2024:

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs relating to the recruitment of a Chair of the Environment Agency, dated 16 April

The environmental protection policies of DEFRA

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, dated 15 April 2025

Wednesday 23 April 2025

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Julia Buckley

Barry Gardiner

Anna Gelderd

Sarah Gibson

Alison Griffiths

Chris Hinchliff

Martin Rhodes

Sammy Wilson

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

National Planning Policy Framework reforms and the environment

Green Alliance [NPPF0002]

Governing the marine environment

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [GME0059]

Outcomes of UNFCCC COP29

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 12 February 2025 and 28 April 2025

2. Governing the marine environment

The Committee considered this matter.

3. The role of natural capital in the green economy

Draft Report (The role of natural capital in the UK's green economy), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the First Report of the Committee, HC 501.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 7 May 2025 at 2.00 pm

Wednesday 7 May 2025

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Julia Buckley

Ellie Chowns

Barry Gardiner

Sarah Gibson

Alison Griffiths

Pippa Heylings

Chris Hinchliff

Martin Rhodes

Blake Stephenson

Alison Taylor

John Whitby

Sammy Wilson

1. Guesting

Resolved, That members of the Transport Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 14 May 2025 relating to Airport expansion and climate and nature targets, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

Resolved, That members of the Transport Committee be invited to attend the meeting on 18 June 2025 relating to Airport expansion and climate and nature targets, pursuant to Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Governing the marine environment

The Heritage Alliance [GME0058]

3. The role of natural capital in the green economy

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Environmental sustainability and housing growth

Ben Murphy, Estate Director, The Duchy of Cornwall, gave oral evidence.

Ashley Spearing, Managing Director of Development and Regeneration, Berkeley Group; Kenny Duncan, Managing Director of Strategic Land, Crest Nicholson; and Chris Thompson, Founder, Citu, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 14 May 2025 at 2.00 pm.

Wednesday 14 May 2025

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Julia Buckley

Barry Gardiner

Anna Gelderd
Alison Griffiths
Pippa Heylings
Chris Hinchliff
Martin Rhodes
John Whitby
Sammy Wilson

Ruth Cadbury also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Environmental Audit Committee resolution of 7 May 2025).

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Airport expansion and climate and nature targets

UK Noise Association [AECN0001]
CAGNE [AECN0002]
Mr Paul McIntyre [AECN0003]
Dr David Metz [AECN0004]
Teddington Action Group [AECN0006]
Stephen Clark and David Gilbert [AECN0007]
Group for Action on Leeds Bradford Airport (GALBA) [AECN0008]
Jeremy Rodell [AECN0009]
Bristol Airport Action Network [AECN0010]
No Airport Expansion Campaign Group [AECN0011]
Munira Wilson MP [AECN0012]
British Chambers of Commerce [AECN0013]
Possible [AECN0014]
South Yorkshire Climate Alliance [AECN0015]
Janet Grimes [AECN0016]
Bristol Green Party Councillor Group [AECN0017]
Ms Marj Powner [AECN0019]
Alfanar [AECN0020]
Logistics UK [AECN0021]
Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce & Industry [AECN0022]
Stay Grounded UK [AECN0023]

Opportunity Green [AECN0024]
Mr Chris Jones [AECN0025]
Institute of Acoustics [AECN0026]
Dr Lois Pennington, Professor Alice Larkin, and Dr Gaurav Gharde [AECN0027]
Dr Doğuşhan Kılıç, Dr Paul Williams [AECN0028]
The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (UK) [AECN0029]
Neil Pitcairn (UK Without Incineration Network) [AECN0030]
Dr Grahame Buss [AECN0031]
Department for Transport [AECN0032]
No 3rd Runway Coalition [AECN0033]
Mrs Jackie Head [AECN0034]
HACAN (Heathrow Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise) [AECN0036]
SASHA Coalition [AECN0037]
Safe Landing [AECN0038]
Heathrow Airport Limited [AECN0039]
London Chamber of Commerce and Industry [AECN0040]
Campaign against Climate Change [AECN0041]
Clean Air in London [AECN0042]
Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign [AECN0043]
Richmond Heathrow Campaign [AECN0044]
Aviation Environment Federation (AEF) [AECN0045]
AirportsUK [AECN0046]
Mr Anthony Rae [AECN0048]
London Borough of Hillingdon [AECN0050]
Luton Friends of the Earth [AECN0051]
Sustainable Aviation [AECN0052]
Friends of Richmond Park [AECN0053]
Manchester Airports Group (MAG) [AECN0054]
Airlines UK [AECN0055]
Grantham Institute – Climate Change and the Environment, Imperial College
London [AECN0056]
Aviation Impact Accelerator [AECN0057]

Environmental sustainability and housing growth

Future Homes Hub [ESH0091]

Flood resilience in England

Thomas Monahan [FRE0152]

Governing the marine environment

Oceana UK [GME0060]

National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations (NFFO) [GME0061]

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [GME0062]

Proposals for the Seventh Carbon Budget

Correspondence from the Chief Executive Officer at the Climate Change Committee, dated 28 April 2025

2. Airport expansion and climate and nature targets

Celeste Hicks, Policy Manager, Aviation Environment Federation; Johann Beckford, Senior Policy Advisor, Green Alliance; and Professor Rob Miller, Director, Whittle Laboratory, University of Cambridge, gave oral evidence.

Ruth Cadbury declared a nonpecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Airport expansion and climate and nature targets, namely that she knew the witness Paul Beckford from her time as deputy leader of Hounslow council from 2010 to 2012, when the council employed Mr Beckford as a consultant on Heathrow issues.

Dr Lisa Lavia, Managing Director, Noise Abatement Society; Alethea Warrington, Head of Aviation, Energy & Heat, Possible; and Paul Beckford, Policy Director, No 3rd Runway Coalition, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 19 May 2025 at 3.45 pm.

Monday 19 May 2025

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Julia Buckley
Ellie Chowns
Barry Gardiner
Sarah Gibson
Alison Griffiths
Chris Hinchliff
Cameron Thomas
John Whitby
Sammy Wilson

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Airport expansion and climate and nature targets

Regional and Business Airports Group [AECN0058]

ZeroAvia [AECN0059]

Flood resilience in England

Flooded People UK [FRE0153]

2. The UK and the Antarctic Environment

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Flood resilience in England

Julia Buckley declared a nonpecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Flood resilience in England, namely that she knows the witness Siobhan Connor as she is her constituent.

Ellie Chowns declared a nonpecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Flood resilience in England, namely that the witness Mary Long-Dhonau is her constituent

Mary Long-Dhonau OBE, Property Flood Resilience Consultant, FloodMary.com; Siobhan Connor, Chair, Shrewsbury Flood Action Group; and Graham French, Owner, Kingfisher Café, gave oral evidence.

Tracey Garrett, Chief Executive, National Flood Forum; Ian Moodie, Technical Manager, Association of Drainage Authorities; and Julie Foley OBE, Director, Strategy and Adaption, Environment Agency, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 21 May 2025 in Cornwall.

Wednesday 21 May – Thursday 22 May 2025

The Chair, Anna Gelderd, Sarah Gibson, Martin Rhodes, and Alison Taylor visited Nansledan in Cornwall in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Environmental sustainability and housing growth, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 5 March 2025.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 2 June 2025 at 4.30 pm

Wednesday 28 May 2025

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 29 October 2024:

Flood resilience in England

Correspondence to the Chancellor and the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, dated 28 May 2025

Monday 2 June 2025

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Barry Gardiner

Alison Griffiths

Pippa Heylings

Blake Stephenson
John Whitby
Sammy Wilson

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Airport expansion and climate and nature targets
IATA [AECN0035]

Environmental sustainability and housing growth
Joe's Blooms [ESH0092]
Green Alliance [ESH0093]

2. Governing the marine environment

Draft Report (Governing the marine environment), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Second Report of the Committee, HC 551.

3. The UK and the Antarctic Environment

Draft Report (The UK and the Antarctic environment), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Third Report of the Committee, HC 499.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 4 June 2025 at 2 pm

Wednesday 4 June 2025

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Barry Gardiner

Anna Gelderd

Sarah Gibson

Pippa Heylings

Chris Hinchliff

Martin Rhodes

Blake Stephenson

John Whitby

Sammy Wilson

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Governing the marine environment

Marine Management Organisation [GME0063]

The environmental protection policies of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs:

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, dated 2 June 2025

2. Environmental sustainability and housing growth

Emma Toovey, Chief Land and Nature Officer, Environment Bank; David King, Managing Director, Meadfleet; and Niall McGann, CEO, Fexco, gave oral evidence.

Sarah Gibson declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Environmental sustainability and housing growth, namely: recent employment as Director of Studies at the University of Bath in part three, training architects in their professional part.

Dr Rufus Howard, Impact Assessment Policy Lead, Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment; Brian Berry, CEO, Federation of Master Builders; and Sue Searle, Managing Director and Principal Ecologist, Ecology Training UK, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 11 June 2025 at 2 pm

Friday 6 June 2025

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 29 October 2024:

Governing the marine environment

Correspondence to the Prime Minister, dated 6 June 2025

Monday 9 June 2025

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of 29 October 2024:

Flood resilience in England

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, dated 5 June 2025

Wednesday 11 June 2025

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Julia Buckley

Ellie Chowns

Alison Griffiths

Martin Rhodes

Alison Taylor

John Whitby

1. Guesting

Resolved, That Toby Perkins attend the meeting of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee on 8 July 2025 relating to the Global Plastics Treaty, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

2. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Airport expansion and climate and nature targets

Aviation Environment Federation [AECN0060]

Noise Abatement Society [AECN0061]

Environmental sustainability and housing growth

Arbtech [ESH0094]

Sue Searle [ESH0095]

3. Guesting

Resolved, That all available Members attend the meeting of the Energy Security and Net Zero Committee on 16 July 2025, relating to a pre-appointment hearing for the Chair of the Climate Change Committee, pursuant to the invitation from that Committee under Standing Order No 137A(1)(e) (Select committees: power to work with other committees).

4. Flood resilience in England

Emma Howard Boyd CBE, Chair, Steering Committee, Public First, gave oral evidence.

Jonathan Moxon, Flood Risk Manager, Leeds City Council; Emma Brown, Manager of Strategic Partnerships, Yorkshire Water; and Matthew Shelton, Route Engineer, Network Rail, gave oral evidence.

Martin Lennon, Director of Policy, Flood Re; Megan Dunford, Head of Large and Complex Property Claims, Zurich UK; and Mark Shepherd, Director of Insurance Policy, The Association of British Insurers (ABI), gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 12 June 2025 at 8.30am at the Natural History Museum in London.

Thursday 12 June 2025

The Chair, Chris Hinchliff, Martin Rhodes, Blake Stephenson, Alison Taylor, and John Whitby visited the Natural History Museum in London in connection with the Committee's work, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 15 January 2025.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 18 June 2025 at 2 pm

Wednesday 18 June 2025

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Julia Buckley

Ellie Chowns

Barry Gardiner

Alison Griffiths

Pippa Heylings

Martin Rhodes

Blake Stephenson

Alison Taylor

John Whitby

Sammy Wilson

Ruth Cadbury also attended under the provisions of paragraph (1)(e) of Standing Order No 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) (Environmental Audit Committee resolution of 7 May 2025)

1. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit Shrewsbury, in connection with its inquiry into Flood resilience in England.

2. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Environmental sustainability and housing growth

Environment Bank [ESH0096]

3. Airport expansion and climate and nature targets

Andrew Meaney, Partner and Head of Transport, Oxera; Dr Alex Chapman, Senior Economist, New Economics Foundation; and Dr Stuart Jenkins, Research fellow, University of Oxford, gave oral evidence.

Duncan McCourt, Chief Executive, Sustainable Aviation; Matthew Gorman MBE, Director of Carbon Strategy, Heathrow; and Neil Robinson, Chief Sustainability Officer, Manchester Airports Group, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 25 June 2025 at 2 pm.

Wednesday 25 June 2025

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Julia Buckley

Barry Gardiner

Chris Hinchliff

Martin Rhodes

Blake Stephenson

Alison Taylor

John Whitby

Sammy Wilson

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Environmental sustainability and housing growth
Cornwall Council [ESH0099]

Governing the marine environment
Correspondence from the Minister for the Indo-Pacific, FCDO, dated 19 June 2025

2. Addressing the risks from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

Linsey Cottrell, Environmental Policy Officer, Conflict and Environment Observatory; Dr Joanna Cloy, Senior Project Manager, Fidra; and Professor Michael Depledge CBE, Emeritus Professor, European Centre for Environment and Human Health, gave oral evidence.

Chris Hinchliff declared a nonpecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Addressing the risks from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), namely that Johnson Matthey are a major employer in his constituency and he is in ongoing communication with them as a result.

Andrew Spence, Joint Managing Director, Britannia Fire Ltd; Dr Nissanka Rajapakse, Group Head of Product Stewardship, Johnson Matthey; and Mark Hirlam, Global Sales Director, Delipac, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 30 June 2025 at 4.15 pm.

Monday 30 June 2025

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Julia Buckley

Ellie Chowns

Barry Gardiner

Pippa Heylings

Chris Hinchliff

Martin Rhodes

Blake Stephenson

Alison Taylor

John Whitby

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Environmental sustainability and housing growth

Architects' Climate Action Network [ESH0100]

Local Government Association [ESH0101]

2. Addressing the risks from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

Ordered, That Dr William Brittain be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in matters related to Addressing the risks from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). (For details of declarations of interests, see Appendix.)

3. Environmental sustainability and housing growth

Pippa Heylings declared a nonpecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Environmental sustainability and housing growth, namely that she is a co-chair of the new APPG for local nature recovery strategies.

Philip Duffy, Chief Executive, Environment Agency; Marian Spain, Chief Executive, Natural England; and Eamonn Boyle, Chief Executive, Homes England, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 9 July 2025 at 9.00 am

Wednesday 9 July 2025

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Ellie Chowns

Barry Gardiner

Alison Griffiths

Chris Hinchliff

Blake Stephenson

Alison Taylor

Cameron Thomas

John Whitby

Sammy Wilson

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Addressing the risks from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

Paul Le Claire [PFAS0001]

Dr Garry Codling [PFAS0002]

Dr David Megson [PFAS0003]

F2 Chemicals Ltd [PFAS0005]

Stoli Catalysts Ltd [PFAS0006]

European Sealing Association [PFAS0007]

Orion Pharma [PFAS0008]

British Valve and Actuator Association (BVAA) [PFAS0011]

Britannia Fire Ltd [PFAS0013]

Enviro Sampling Solutions [PFAS0014]

Breast Cancer UK [PFAS0017]

R B Radley & Co Ltd [PFAS0018]
FEC Federation of the European Cookware, Cutlery and Houseware Industries [PFAS0019]
Notpla Limited [PFAS0020]
Affinity Water [PFAS0021]
Asynt [PFAS0022]
Asthma + Lung UK [PFAS0023]
Federation of Environmental Trade Associations Ltd [PFAS0024]
Fidra [PFAS0025]
Gambica [PFAS0026]
The National Farmers' Union of England and Wales [PFAS0027]
Bathroom Manufacturers Association [PFAS0028]
Leigh Day [PFAS0029]
National Office of Animal Health [PFAS0030]
CHEM Trust [PFAS0031]
European Association of Chemical Distributors (Fecc) [PFAS0032]
2Encapsulate Ltd [PFAS0034]
National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Health Protection Research Unit (HPRU) in Chemical Threats and Hazards, University of Leicester [PFAS0035]
Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association (JEITA) [PFAS0036]
UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology [PFAS003]
Food Standards Agency [PFAS0038]
James Walker Sealing Products and Services Ltd [PFAS0039]
Orbia Fluor & Energy Materials [PFAS0040]
Marine Conservation Society [PFAS0042]
Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs [PFAS0043]
National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) [PFAS0044]
Augean [PFAS0045]
Fuels Industry UK [PFAS0046]
Pesticide Action Network UK [PFAS0047]
National Measurement Laboratory at LGC [PFAS0049]
Angling Trust [PFAS0050]
METAL PACKAGING MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION [PFAS0051]
UK Health Security Agency [PFAS0054]
AMDEA, the Association of Manufacturers of Domestic Appliances [PFAS0055]
Amentum [PFAS0056]

Blue Earth Biochar Limited [PFAS0057]
Nuclear Industry Association [PFAS0058]
AGC Chemicals Europe, Ltd. [PFAS0059]

Flood resilience in England

The Association of British Insurers (ABI) [FRE0154]

2. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee visit Sussex in connection with its inquiry into Governing the marine environment.

3. Addressing the risks from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

Resolved, That the Committee visit France in Autumn 2025 in connection with its inquiry into Addressing the risks from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

4. Flood resilience in England

Philip Duffy, Chief Executive, Environment Agency, gave oral evidence.

Emma Hardy MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Water and Flooding), Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; and Dr Sebastian Catovsky, Co-director, Floods and Water, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 14 July 2025 at 4.00 pm.

Monday 14 July 2025

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Olivia Blake
Julia Buckley
Barry Gardiner
Anna Gelderd
Alison Griffiths
Pippa Heylings
Chris Hinchliff
Martin Rhodes
Blake Stephenson
Cameron Thomas
John Whitby
Sammy Wilson

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Addressing the risks from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

Trimplants and the Blackdown Hills Eco Hub (Community Group) [PFAS0060]
Hillingdon Green Party [PFAS0061]
The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators [PFAS0062]
Dr Junque (Postdoctoral Research Fellow at University of Birmingham) [PFAS0063]
Association of British HealthTech Industries [PFAS0064]
Cowie Technology Group Limited [PFAS0065]
Bioforcetech Corporation [PFAS0066]
KIMO UK [PFAS0069]
BEAMA [PFAS0070]
Association of Contact Lens Manufacturers (ACLM) [PFAS0071]
Hospital Optometrists Committee [PFAS0072]
Watershed Investigations [PFAS0073]
Flete Field Lab [PFAS0074]
ATG Group [PFAS0075]
Institution of Mechanical Engineers [PFAS0076]
Yorkshire Water [PFAS0077]
International Pharmaceutical Aerosol Consortium [PFAS0078]
DuPont de Nemours, Inc [PFAS0079]

Food Packaging Forum Foundation [PFAS0080]
Groupe SEB [PFAS0081]
W. L. Gore & Associates (U.K.) Limited [PFAS0083]
Land Condition Community, National Contaminated Land Officers Group [PFAS0084]
Agricultural Industries Confederation (AIC) [PFAS0085]
Puragen [PFAS0086]
Professor Sarah Hendry [PFAS0087]
Cleaner Bentham Ltd [PFAS0088]
Plastic Free Fields [PFAS0089]
Office for Environmental Protection [PFAS0115]

2. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into National Highways, BNG and run-off pollution.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Cambridge in connection with its inquiries into Environmental sustainability and housing growth and Airport expansion and climate and nature targets.

3. The role of natural capital in the green economy

Draft Special Report (The role of natural capital in the green economy: Government Response), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the First Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Third Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

4. Flood resilience in England

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Environmental sustainability and housing growth

The Committee considered this matter.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 16 July 2025 at 9.00 am

Wednesday 16 July 2025

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Julia Buckley

Ellie Chowns

Barry Gardiner

Chris Hinchliff

Martin Rhodes

Blake Stephenson

John Whitby

Sammy Wilson

1. Airport expansion and climate and nature targets

Dr Pauleen Lane CBE, Professional Lead for Infrastructure, Planning Inspectorate; Ian Thynne, Head of Environmental Planning Specialists, Hillingdon Council; and Peta Donkin, EIA Director - Infrastructure and Energy, National Infrastructure Planning Association, gave oral evidence.

Mike Kane MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Aviation, Maritime and Security), Department for Transport; Hannah Newell, Director for Heathrow Expansion, Department for Transport; Sonia Krylova, Deputy Director, Carbon Budget Delivery and Framework Net Zero Strategy Directorate, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero; and David Silk, Director for Aviation, Department for Transport, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Thursday 17 July 2025 at 8.30 am in Shrewsbury

Thursday 17 July 2025

The Chair, Olivia Blake, Julia Buckley, Barry Gardiner, John Whitby and Sammy Wilson visited Shrewsbury in connection with its inquiry into Flood resilience in England, in accordance with the Committee's decision of 18 June 2025.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 21 July 2025 at 4.15 pm

Monday 21 July 2025

Members present:

Mr Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Julia Buckley

Ellie Chowns

Barry Gardiner

Anna Gelderd

Chris Hinchliff

Martin Rhodes

John Whitby

Sammy Wilson

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Addressing the risks from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

Chemical Industries Association (CIA) [PFAS0041]

ENDS Report [PFAS0048]

Natural Resources Wales [PFAS0052]

Stevenson Process Technology Ltd. [PFAS0067]

IGMA (Industrial Gas Detectors and Monitors Manufacturers Association), JAIMA (The Japan Analytical Instruments Manufacturers' Association), JEMIMA (Japan

Electric Measuring Instruments Manufacturers' Association), JFMDA (The Japan Federation of Medical Devices Associations), JIMA (The Japan Inspection Instruments Manufacturers' Association), JMIF (Japan Measuring Instruments Federation), NECA (Nippon Electric Control Equipment Industries Association), SEAJ (Semiconductor Equipment Association of Japan) [PFAS0090]

The Open University [PFAS0091]

Puraffinity [PFAS0092]

Dr Alexander Waller; Mr Naphasit Iampongsai [PFAS0094]

Lancaster University [PFAS0095]

Japan Business Council in Europe [PFAS0096]

Performance Fluoropolymer Partnership [PFAS0098]

Angling Trust, Buglife, Fidra, Pesticide Action Network UK, Rivers Trust, RSPB, Surfers against Sewage, The Pesticide Collaboration, Wildlife and Countryside Link [PFAS0099]

AstraZeneca [PFAS0104]

Environment Agency [PFAS0105]

Institute for European Environmental Policy UK (IEEP UK) [PFAS0106]

Fluoropolymers Product Group (FPG) of Plastics Europe [PFAS0107]

ADS Group Ltd, *Multiple* [PFAS0108]

Environmental Investigation Agency [PFAS0109]

CropLife UK [PFAS0110]

Chemviron Carbon Ltd [PFAS0111]

Dr Elizabeth Chadwick; Dr Emily O'Rourke [PFAS0113]

National Association of Waste Disposal Officers (NAWDO) [PFAS0114]

Conflict and Environment Observatory [PFAS0116]

techUK [PFAS0117]

ABPI (The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry) [PFAS0118]

Natural England [PFAS0119]

Water UK [PFAS0120]

The Environmental Industries Association (EIA) [PFAS0121]

[PFAS treatment technologies Madeleine Bussemaker [PFAS0122]

National Oceanography Centre [PFAS0125]

Environmental Resources Management (ERM) [PFAS0126]

Heat Pump Association [PFAS0127]

Fidra [PFAS0128]

Environmental sustainability and housing growth

The Duchy of Cornwall [ESH0098]

Outcomes of UNFCCC COP29

Correspondence from the Secretary of State at the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, dated 14 July 2025

2. Environmental sustainability and housing growth

Olivia Blake declared a nonpecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Environment co-chair of the all-party parliamentary group on local nature recovery.

Mary Creagh CBE MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Nature), Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Nick Barter, Deputy Director for Land Use, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Matthew Pennycook MP, Minister of State (Minister for Housing and Planning), Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government; and William Burgon, Director of Planning Reform and Housing Quality, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 3 September 2025 at 2 pm.

Tuesday 22 July 2025

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of [29 October 2024]:

The role of natural capital in the green economy

Correspondence to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, dated 22 July 2025

Thursday 24 July 2025

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of [29 October 2024]:

Correspondence to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, regarding the UK's contribution to tackling global deforestation, dated 24 July 2025

Wednesday 3 September 2025

Members present:

Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Olivia Blake

Julia Buckley

Barry Gardiner

Anna Gelderd

Pippa Heylings

Chris Hinchliff

Martin Rhodes

Alison Taylor

Cameron Thomas

John Whitby

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Correspondence from the Under Secretary of State for Nature relating to the Role of Natural Capital in the Green Economy: Government Response, dated 27 August 2025

Addressing the risks from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

The Chemours Company [PFAS0100]

National Brownfield Institute (NBI) - University of Wolverhampton [PFAS0101]

Royal Society of Chemistry [PFAS0112]

Airport expansion and climate and nature targets

Hillingdon Council [AECN0062]

Department for Transport [AECN0063]

Heathrow Airport Limited [AECN0064]

Flood resilience in England

University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership FRE0155

British Insurance Brokers' Association FRE0156

Correspondence from the Environment Agency Chief Executive, dated 22 July 2025

The UK and the Antarctic environment

Correspondence from the FCDO Minister of State for Europe, North America and UK Overseas Territories, dated 24 July 2025

2. The role of natural capital in the green economy

Draft Special Report (Governing the marine environment: Government Response), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Second Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Fourth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

3. The UK and the Antarctic environment

Draft Special Report (The UK and the Antarctic environment: Government Response), proposed by the Chair, brought up, read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The Government's response to the Third Report from the Committee was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Fifth Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

4. National Highways and environmental sustainability

Nicole Hillier, Principal Policy Advocate, Infrastructure, The Woodland Trust; and Kevin Martin, Head of Tree Collections, Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, gave oral evidence.

Jo Bradley, Director of Operations UK, Stormwater Shepherds; and Catherine Moncrieff, Head of Policy and Engagement, Chartered Institution of Environmental and Water Management (CIWEM), gave oral evidence.

Nick Harris, Chief Executive, National Highways; and Stephen Elderkin, Director of Environmental Sustainability, National Highways, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 10 September 2025 at 2 pm

Tuesday 9 September 2025

The following papers were reported to the House for publication under the power given to the Chair by Resolution of the Committee of [29 October 2024]:

Governing the marine environment

Correspondence to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, dated 9 September 2025

Wednesday 10 September 2025

Members present:

Toby Perkins, in the Chair

Dr Ellie Chowns

Barry Gardiner

Anna Gelderd

Alison Griffiths

Martin Rhodes

Alison Taylor

John Whitby
Sammy Wilson

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Correspondence from the DEFRA Minister for Nature regarding the UK's contribution to tackling global deforestation, dated 14 August 2025

Environmental sustainability and housing growth

Better Planning Coalition [ESH0103]

Homes England [ESH0104]

2. Addressing the risks from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

Stuart Ede, Head of sustainability, AGC Chemicals Europe, Ltd.; Dr Andy Joel, Technical Support Chemist, F2 Chemicals Ltd; and Stephanie Metzger, Policy Advisor - Sustainable Chemicals, Royal Society of Chemistry, gave oral evidence.

Duncan Sanders, Director for England, ATG Group; Professor Luisa Orsini, Professor of Evolutionary Systems Biology and Environmental Omics at the University of Birmingham, and Co-founder and CEO at Daphne Water Solutions Limited; and Dr Andrew Schwarz, Chief Business Officer, Fluorok, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 15 September 2025 at 3.30 pm

Monday 15 September 2025

Members present:

Toby Perkins, in the Chair
Julia Buckley

Dr Ellie Chowns
Barry Gardiner
Anna Gelderd
Sarah Gibson
Pippa Heylings
Chris Hinchliff
Martin Rhodes
Cameron Thomas
John Whitby
Sammy Wilson

1. Evidence reported for publication

Ordered, That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

Correspondence from the FCDO Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State regarding the introduction of the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Bill, dated 10 September 2025

Correspondence to the Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to the environmental impact of Government departments' spending bids, dated 15 September 2025

National Highways and environmental sustainability

Correspondence to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, dated 16 September 2025

2. Future programme

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into The Seventh Carbon Budget.

3. Flood Resilience in England

Draft Report (Flood Resilience in England), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 550.

4. Progress on climate change mitigation and adaptation

Emma Pinchbeck, Chief Executive, Climate Change Committee; and Dr James Richardson, Chief Economist and Director of Analysis, Climate Change Committee, gave oral evidence.

Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 15 October 2025 at 2 pm

Appendix: Declarations of interest by members of the Committee and specialist advisers

(i) Members of the Committee

Toby Perkins MP

29 October 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 October 2024)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Global Brands Ltd

Address of donor: 5th Floor, Casa, Lockoford Lane, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S41 7JB

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: company, registration 03366749

(Registered 18 July 2024)

Name of donor: Weightron Bilanciai Ltd

Address of donor: Titan Works, Broombank Road, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S41 9QJ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £7,500

Donor status: company, registration 02154099

(Registered 18 July 2024)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Lawn Tennis Association

Address of donor: 100 Priory Lane, Roehampton SW15 5JQ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets with hospitality to the Davis Cup tie at Manchester, value £318

Date received: 17 September 2023

Date accepted: 17 September 2023

Donor status: company, registration 07459469

(Registered 12 October 2023)

Name of donor: Lawn Tennis Association

Address of donor: National Tennis Centre, 100 Priory Lane, Roehampton, London SW15 5JQ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets with hospitality for the Wimbledon Tennis Championships, value £1,438.24

Date received: 11 July 2024

Date accepted: 11 July 2024

Donor status: company, registration 07459469

(Registered 9 August 2024)

29 October 2024: Additional declarations made at first meeting of the committee:

At the meeting of 29 October 2024, Toby Perkins additionally declared that he is a Board Member of the Staveley Town Deal Board.

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 9 December 2024

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: (1) International Conservation Caucus Foundation (2) B4NZ

Address of donor: (1) 71-75 Shelton Street, Covent Garden, London WC2H 9JQ
(2) First Floor, 10 Queen Street Place, London EC4R 1BE

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): (1) Accommodation and travel in Cali for attendance at COP 16 conference, value £518 (2) Flight to COP 16 Conference in Cali, value £1,701.99 Destination of visit: Colombia (Cali)

Dates of visit: 22 October 2024 to 26 October 2024

Purpose of visit: To attend COP 16 biodiversity conference

(Registered 3 December 2024)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 14 July 2025

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Lawn Tennis Association

Address of donor: The National Tennis Centre, 100 Priory Lane, London SW15 5JQ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Ticket (including hospitality) to the HSBC Championships at Queens, value £399.47

Date received: 12 June 2025 to 12 June 2025

Date accepted: 12 June 2025

Donor status: company, registration 07459469

(Registered 1 July 2025)

Name of donor: Lawn Tennis Association

Address of donor: The National Tennis Centre, 100 Priory Lane, London SW15 5JQ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets (with hospitality) to watch HSBC championships at Queens, value £1,015.12

Date received: 22 June 2025 to 22 June 2025

Date accepted: 22 June 2025

Donor status: company, registration 07459469

(Registered 1 July 2025)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 4 August 2025

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Lawn Tennis Association

Address of donor: The National Tennis Centre, 100 Priory Lane, Roehampton, London SW15 5JQ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets to watch Wimbledon Tennis championships, value £320

Date received: 5 July 2025 to 5 July 2025

Date accepted: 5 July 2025

Donor status: company, registration 07459469

(Registered 4 August 2025)

Name of donor: All England Lawn Tennis Club (Championships) Ltd

Address of donor: Church Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 5AE

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets plus hospitality at Wimbledon Tennis championships, value £520

Date received: 4 July 2025 to 4 July 2025

Date accepted: 4 July 2025

Donor status: company, registration 07546773

(Registered 4 August 2025)

Olivia Blake

13 November 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 11 November 2024)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: GMB Union, Northeast, Yorkshire and Humber Region

Address of donor: Lifton House, Eslington Road, Jesmond, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE2 4RH

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,000 towards a campaign organiser in my constituency

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 7 March 2024)

Name of donor: GMB Northern Region

Address of donor: GMB North East Yorkshire and Humber Region, Lifton House, Eslington Road, Jesmond, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE2 4RH

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000

Donor status: trade union
(Registered 30 July 2024)

2. (b) Any other support not included in Category 2(a)

Name of donor: The Refugee, Asylum and Migration Policy Project (RAMP)

Address of donor: The Courtyard, High Street, Ascot SL5 7HP

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Research services provided for two days a week for up to seventy-eight days between 1 April 2023 and 31 December 2023 (value stated is the maximum), value £17,550

Date received: 1 April 2023 to 31 December 2023

Date accepted: 1 April 2023

Donor status: company, registration 12373468
(Registered 11 April 2023)

Name of donor: The Refugee, Asylum and Migration Policy Project (RAMP)

Address of donor: The Courtyard, High Street, Ascot SL5 7HP

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Research services provided for two days a week for up to twenty-five days between 9 January and 27 March 2024 (value stated is the maximum), value £5,850

Date received: 9 January 2024 to 27 March 2024

Date accepted: 9 January 2024

Donor status: company, registration 12373468
(Registered 19 February 2024)

Name of donor: The Refugee, Asylum and Migration Policy Project (RAMP)

Address of donor: c/o Kirk Rice LLP, The Courtyard, High Street, Ascot SL5 7HP

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Research services provided for two days a week for up to up to 78 days (value stated is the maximum), value £18,720

Date received: 1 April 2024 to 31 December 2024

Date accepted: 1 April 2024

Donor status: company, registration 12373468
(Registered 23 April 2024)

13 November 2024: Additional declarations made at first meeting of the committee:

At the meeting of 13 November 2024, Olivia Blake additionally declared that she is a member of the GMB trade union, that her husband is the Company Secretary of an organisation called Sheffield Renewables (a community benefit society that funds, develops, owns and operates renewable energy systems in Sheffield), that she is a co-chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Migration, Chair of the APPG on SEND and co-chair of the APPG on Eating disorders.

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 20 January 2025

2. (b) Any other support not included in Category 2(a)

Name of donor: The Refugee, Asylum and Migration Policy Project (RAMP)

Address of donor: The Courtyard, High Street, Ascot SL5 7HP

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Research services provided for three days a week for up to thirty-nine days between 1 January 2023 and 31 March 2023 (value stated is the maximum), value £6,240

Date received: 1 January 2025 to 31 March 2025

Date accepted: 1 January 2025

Donor status: company, registration 12373468

(Registered 10 January 2025)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 3 February 2025

2. (b) Any other support not included in Category 2(a)

Name of donor: The Refugee, Asylum and Migration Policy Project (RAMP)

Address of donor: The Courtyard, High Street, Ascot SL5 7HP

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Research services provided for three days a week for up to thirty-nine days between 1 January 2025 and 31 March 2025 (value stated is the maximum), value £6,240

Date received: 1 January 2025 to 31 March 2025

Date accepted: 1 January 2025

Donor status: company, registration 12373468

(Registered 10 January 2025; updated 30 January 2025)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 7 April 2025

2. (b) Any other support not included in Category 2(a)

Name of donor: The Refugee, Asylum and Migration Policy Project (RAMP)

Address of donor: The Courtyard, High Street, Ascot SL5 7HP

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Research services provided for two days a week for up to seventy-eight days between 1 April 2025 to 31 December 2025 (value stated is the maximum), value £19,500

Date received: 1 April 2025 to 31 December 2025

Date accepted: 1 April 2025

Donor status: company, registration 12373468

(Registered 2 April 2025)

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4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Refugee Asylum and Migration Policy (RAMP)

Address of donor: The Courtyard, High Street, Ascot SL5 7HP

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Transportation and food (£260 per person) and translation costs (£175 per person), value £435

Destination of visit: France (Calais)

Dates of visit: 12 June 2025 to 12 June 2025

Purpose of visit: To learn more about UK/French cooperation to tackle Channel crossings.

(Registered 4 July 2025)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 1 September 2025

2. (b) Any other support not included in Category 2(a)

Name of donor: Zero Hour Ltd

Address of donor: Second Floor, 123 Promenade, Cheltenham, England, GL50 1NW

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Administration and coordination of the Climate and Nature Crisis Caucus, which I chair, provided by Zero Hour Ltd, value £9,147

Date received: 15 July 2025 to 15 July 2026

Date accepted: 15 July 2025

Donor status: company, registration 12846343

(Registered 12 August 2025)

Julia Buckley

29 October 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 October 2024)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Communication & Workers Union (CWU) Mid Wales & The Marches

Address of donor: CWU office, Hanley GSC, Marsh Street, Stoke-on-Trent ST1 1HJ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,600

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 3 August 2024)

2. (b) Any other support not included in Category 2(a)

Name of donor: UNISON West Midlands

Address of donor: 24 Livery Street, Birmingham B3 2PA

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,000

Date received: 1 March 2024

Date accepted: 1 March 2024

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 3 August 2024)

Name of donor: UNITE The Union (West Midlands)

Address of donor: West Midlands office, 90 Short Street, Coventry CV1 2LW

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Date received: 10 June 2024

Date accepted: 10 June 2024

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 3 August 2024)

6. Land and property portfolio with a value over £100,000 and where indicated, the portfolio provides a rental income of over £10,000 a year

Type of land/property: Residential property (1 bed Flat)

Number of properties: 1

Location: Hamburg, Germany

Ownership details: Co-owned with 2 step-family members

(Registered 3 August 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Unpaid Unitary Councillor on Shropshire Council.

(Registered 18 July 2024)

Non Executive Director of Shropshire Towns & Rural (STAR) housing association.

This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 18 July 2024)

Elected Labour Group leader on Shropshire Council (opposition). This was an unpaid role since my election.

Date interest ended: 8 July 2024

(Registered 18 July 2024)

Unpaid role as elected councillor on Bridgnorth Town council.

(Registered 3 August 2024)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 14 July 2025

8. Miscellaneous

Unpaid Unitary Councillor on Shropshire Council.

Date interest ended: 1 May 2025

(Registered 18 July 2024; updated 9 July 2025)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 4 August 2025

8. Miscellaneous

Non Executive Director of Shropshire Towns & Rural (STAR) housing association.
This is an unpaid role.

Date interest ended: 1 August 2024

(Registered 18 July 2024; updated 16 July 2025)

Unpaid role as elected councillor on Bridgnorth Town council.

Date interest ended: 1 January 2025

(Registered 3 August 2024; updated 16 July 2025)

Ellie Chowns

29 October 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 October 2024)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Ward Councillor, Herefordshire Council

Payer: Herefordshire Council, Plough Lane, Hereford HR4 0LE

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Payment: £974.67 Final payment. I will no longer accept the allowance. This payment will be repaid.

Received on: 31 July 2024. Hours: 60 hrs approximate.

(Registered 2 August 2024)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Edward Bulmer

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Richard Priestley

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,500

Donor status: individual

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Jill Hanna

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £9,145

Donor status: individual

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Richard Darling

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,100

Donor status: individual

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Edward Milford

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Kevin McCloud

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Helen Heathfield

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £8,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Frederick Mulder

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500

Donor status: individual

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Marian Tucker

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £13,196.40

Donor status: individual

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Caroline Arthur

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Jacqueline Jones

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Adam Management Holdings Ltd

Address of donor: 1 Canada Square, London E14 5AA

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 to support my General Election campaign.

Donor status: company, registration 13453522

(Registered 2 August 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Housing and Communities Spokesperson for the Green Party of England and Wales

(Registered 16 July 2024)

Lecturer, University of Birmingham. This is an unpaid role.

Date interest ended: 8 July 2024

(Registered 16 July 2024)

Member of the [redacted] Housing Association.

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 6 January 2025

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: BBC

Address of donor: Broadcasting House, Portland Place, London W1A 1AA

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Travel and food associated with an appearance on Any Questions in Coventry on 13 Dec 2024 (value is estimated), value £189.80

Date received: 13 December 2024

Date accepted: 13 December 2024

Donor status: company, registration RC000057

(Registered 18 December 2024)

Name of donor: BBC

Address of donor: Broadcasting House, Portland Place, London W1A 1AA

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Travel and food associated with an appearance on Any Questions in Camarthen on 30 Aug 2024 (value is estimated), value £230.40

Date received: 30 August 2024

Date accepted: 30 August 2024

Donor status: company, registration RC000057

(Registered 18 December 2024)

Name of donor: BBC

Address of donor: Broadcasting House, Portland Place, London W1A 1AA

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Travel and food associated with an appearance on Question Time in Basingstoke on 14 Nov 2024 (value is estimated). Food also for one accompanying staff member, value £286.40

Date received: 14 November 2024

Date accepted: 14 November 2024

Donor status: company, registration RC000057

(Registered 18 December 2024)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 14 July 2025

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Glastonbury Festival Events Limited

Address of donor: Worthy Farm, Worthy Lane, Pilton, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 4BY

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Ticket and hospitality for the festival, provided to me in exchange for speaking at three one-hour events in the Green Futures field at the Speakers Forum, value £393.50

Date received: 26 June 2025 to 29 June 2025

Date accepted: 26 June 2025

Donor status: company, registration 04348175

(Registered 13 July 2025)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 1 September 2025

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: BBC

Address of donor: Broadcasting House, Portland Place, London W1A 1AA

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: 2 taxi journeys for an appearance on Newsnight in London on 28 Aug 2025 (cost is estimated), value £46.32

Date received: 28 August 2025

Date accepted: 28 August 2025

Donor status: company, registration RC000057

(Registered 30 August 2025)

Barry Gardiner

6 November 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 October 2024)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Consultancy advice

From: 22 November 2022. Until: 17 April 2024.

Payer: World Climate Initiative, 8th Floor, 167 Fleet Street, London EC3A 2EA

Additional information: Payment is to assist with the recruitment of senior staff to the World Climate Institute, identify potential partners, provide advice on programme development, and assist in the drafting of its mission statement and objectives.

Remuneration: £33,000 a year paid monthly

From: 22 November 2022.

Hours: 12 hrs a month

(Registered 14 December 2022)

Role, work or services: Television appearance

Payer: Middlesex Broadcasting Corporation (Broadcasting Corporation), 1 Stanley House, Stanley Avenue, Wembley HA0 4JB

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Payment expected: £1,000

Completed or provided on: 21 July 2024. Hours: 1 hr.

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Payment: £1,000 Television appearance

Received on: 25 August 2024. Hours: 8 hrs including preparation.

(Registered 29 August 2024)

Payment: £1,000

Received on: 30 September 2024. Hours: 8 hrs.

(Registered 14 October 2024)

Role, work or services: Keynote Speaker Castle Strategy Day

Until: 9 October 2024.

Payer: Castle Water Ltd (Water Company), 1 Boat Brae, Rattray, Blairgowrie
PH10 7BH

(Registered 15 October 2024)

Payment: £3,000

Received on: 9 October 2024. Hours: 36 hrs 2 days travel plus preparation of
speeches.

(Registered 15 October 2024)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or
indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Unite the Union

Address of donor: Unite House, 128 Theobalds Road, Holborn WC1X 8TN

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £8,000 for my
Campaign Fund

Donor status: trade union

(Registered 22 July 2024)

Name of donor: P G Paper Company

Address of donor: The Stables Auchenbothie Gardens, Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire
PA13 4SF

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £8,500

Donor status: company, registration SC256809

(Registered 22 July 2024)

2. (b) Any other support not included in Category 2(a)

Name of donor: Democracy Forum

Address of donor: 34 South Molton Street, London W1K 5RG

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 to Together 2030 Ltd

Date received: 6 September 2023

Date accepted: 6 September 2023

Donor status: company, registration 07046518
(Registered 2 October 2023)

Name of donor: Democracy Forum

Address of donor: 34 South Molton Street, London W1K 5RG

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 to Together 2030 Ltd

Date received: 6 October 2023

Date accepted: 6 October 2023

Donor status: company, registration 07046518
(Registered 26 October 2023)

Name of donor: Democracy Forum

Address of donor: 34 South Molton Street, London W1K 5RG

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 donation to Together 2030 Ltd

Date received: 6 November 2023

Date accepted: 6 November 2023

Donor status: company, registration 07046518
(Registered 21 November 2023)

Name of donor: Democracy Forum

Address of donor: 34 South Molton Street, London W1K 5RG

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 to Together 2030 Ltd

Date received: 6 December 2023

Date accepted: 6 December 2023

Donor status: company, registration 07046518
(Registered 2 January 2024)

Name of donor: Democracy Forum

Address of donor: 34 South Molton Street, London W1K 5RG

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 to Together 2030 Ltd

Date received: 6 January 2024

Date accepted: 6 January 2024

Donor status: company, registration 07046518
(Registered 23 January 2024)

Name of donor: Democracy Forum

Address of donor: 34 South Molton Street, London W1K 5RG

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000

Date received: 6 February 2024

Date accepted: 6 February 2024

Donor status: company, registration 07046518
(Registered 16 February 2024)

Name of donor: Democracy Forum

Address of donor: 34 South Molton Street, London W1K 5RG

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 to Together 2030 Ltd

Date received: 6 March 2024

Date accepted: 6 March 2024

Donor status: company, registration 07046518
(Registered 14 March 2024)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: International Conservation Caucus Foundation

Address of donor: 71-75 Shelton Street, Covent Garden, London WC2H 9JQ

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Travel and hospitality, value £2,155

Destination of visit: United States (Washington DC)

Dates of visit: 22 October 2023 to 26 November 2023

Purpose of visit: Participate in four events with ICCF's network of parliamentarians, plastic debris, food security, stewardship of natural areas, illegal, unreported and unenforced fishing and participation in ICCFs

International Conservation Leadership Awards

(Registered 7 November 2023)

Name of donor: United States Embassy

Address of donor: 33 Nine Elms Road, Nine Elms, London SW11 7US

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights and accommodation, value £1,807.04

Destination of visit: United States (Washington DC)

Dates of visit: 15 February 2024 to 17 February 2024

Purpose of visit: Speaking at the USDA Forward Outlook Conference Washington DC.

(Registered 14 March 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Unremunerated director of GLOBE International AISBL, an international nonprofit network devoted to legislative leadership on sustainable development and climate change.

Date interest arose: 7 January 2016

(Registered 3 February 2016)

Trustee of Climate Parliament, which aims to educate and inform legislators about climate change and policy options for promoting renewable energy. This is an unpaid role.

Date interest arose: 4 February 2019

(Registered 28 February 2019)

A Member and Director of Stop Fire and Rehire Ltd, a company limited by guarantee set up to manage financial support for my Private Members Bill campaign. The company is a not for profit company and the position is entirely unpaid.

Date interest arose: 6 July 2021

(Registered 10 September 2021)

A Member and Director of Together 2030, a company limited by guarantee. The company is a not for profit company and the position is entirely unpaid.

Date interest arose: 18 November 2021

(Registered 2 December 2021)

Name of donor: The Aruna and Amrika Foundation

At the direction of Lord Swraj Paul, the Trustees of the Aruna and Amrika Foundation donated £500,000 towards the cost of a new maternity unit at Northwick Park Hospital. Lord Paul had asked me to nominate an institution in my constituency to receive this donation.

Date interest arose: 14 October 2023
(Registered 7 November 2023)

9. Family members employed and paid from parliamentary expenses

Name: Caroline Smith

Relationship: Spouse

Role: Executive Officer

Working pattern: Part time

(Updated 5 June 2015, 30 June 2017 and 23 July 2024)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 25 November 2024

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Consultancy advice

From: 22 November 2022. Until: 17 April 2024.

Payer: World Climate Initiative, 8th Floor, 167 Fleet Street, London EC3A 2EA

Additional information: Payment is to assist with the recruitment of senior staff to the World Climate Institute, identify potential partners, provide advice on programme development, and assist in the drafting of its mission statement and objectives.

Remuneration: £33,000 a year paid monthly

From: 22 November 2022. Until: 17 April 2024.

Hours: 12 hrs a month

(Registered 14 December 2022; updated 29 October 2024)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: International Conservation Caucus Foundation with a donation from GEF

Address of donor: 71-75 Shelton Street, Covent Garden, London WC2H 9JQ

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights and accommodation, value £1,800

Destination of visit: Colombia (Cali)

Dates of visit: 19 October 2024 to 28 October 2024

Purpose of visit: To participate in COP16 and GEF Target 18 Conference

(Registered 14 November 2024)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 9 December 2024

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Climate Parliament

Address of donor: 21 The Cliff, Brighton BN2 5RF

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights and accommodation to COP29, value £1,195.57

Destination of visit: Azerbaijan (Istanbul and Baku)

Dates of visit: 11 November 2024 to 15 November 2024

Purpose of visit: Visit to COP 29

(Registered 29 November 2024)

Name of donor: B4NZ.Co. Uk

Address of donor: First Floor, 10 Queen Street Place, London EC4R 1BE

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Accommodation in Baku for COP29, value £480

Destination of visit: Azerbaijan (Baku) and Azerbaijan (Baku)

Dates of visit: 11 November 2024 to 15 November 2024

Purpose of visit: Visit to COP29

(Registered 29 November 2024)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 7 April 2025

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Media appearances

From: 14 March 2025.

Payer: GB News (Television news channel), Riverbank House 2 Swan Lane, London EC4R 3TT

(Registered 27 March 2025)

Payment: £1,950 various media appearances

Received on: 14 March 2025. Hours: 30 hrs Approximate hours.

(Registered 27 March 2025)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: International Conservation Caucus Foundation

Address of donor: 71-75 Shelton Street, Covent Garden, London WC2H 9JQ

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights (£2445.32) and accommodation (£354.87), value £2,800.19

Destination of visit: Mexico (Mexico)

Dates of visit: 10 March 2025 to 14 March 2025

Purpose of visit: Keynote speech at Mexican Conservation Caucus

(Registered 27 March 2025)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 12 May 2025

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Media appearances

From: 14 March 2025.

Payer: GB News (Television news channel), Riverbank House 2 Swan Lane, London EC4R 3TT

(Registered 27 March 2025)

Payment: £1,200 Various media appearance

Received on: 22 April 2025. Hours: 18 hrs approximate.

(Registered 6 May 2025)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 2 June 2025

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Media appearances

From: 14 March 2025.

Payer: GB News (Television news channel), Riverbank House 2 Swan Lane,
London EC4R 3TT

(Registered 27 March 2025)

Payment: £1,210

Received on: 9 May 2025. Hours: 35 hrs approximate, including preparation time.

(Registered 22 May 2025)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 16 June 2025

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Speaking Events on web seminars

From: 3 June 2025.

Payer: Asian Democracy Limited (Service activities), 34 South Molton Street,
London W1K 5RG

(Registered 12 June 2025)

Payment: £1,000

Received on: 3 June 2025. Hours: 20 hrs For various seminars that I was asked to speak at and or chair.

(Registered 12 June 2025)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 30 June 2025

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Media appearances

From: 14 March 2025.

Payer: GB News (Television news channel), Riverbank House 2 Swan Lane,
London EC4R 3TT

(Registered 27 March 2025)

Payment: £900 various ad hoc media appearances

Received on: 16 June 2025. Hours: 25 hrs approximate depending on research required.

(Registered 18 June 2025)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 14 July 2025

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Speaking Events on web seminars

From: 3 June 2025.

Payer: Asian Democracy Limited (Service activities), 34 South Molton Street, London W1K 5RG

(Registered 12 June 2025)

Payment: £1,000

Received on: 30 June 2025. Hours: 25 hrs estimated.

(Registered 9 July 2025)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: International Conservation Caucus Foundation

Address of donor: 71-75 Shelton Street, Covent Garden, London WC2H 9JQ

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights (£216) and accommodation (£1310), value £1,526

Destination of visit: France (Nice)

Dates of visit: 9 June 2025 to 11 June 2025

Purpose of visit: United Nations Ocean Conference

(Registered 2 July 2025)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 15 September 2025

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Media appearances

From: 14 March 2025.

Payer: GB News (Television news channel), Riverbank House 2 Swan Lane,
London EC4R 3TT

(Registered 27 March 2025)

Payment: £1,650

Received on: 15 August 2025. Hours: 30 hrs Estimated and includes in-depth research.

(Registered 4 September 2025)

Role, work or services: Speaking Events on web seminars

From: 3 June 2025.

Payer: Asian Democracy Limited (Service activities), 34 South Molton Street,
London W1K 5RG

(Registered 12 June 2025)

Payment: £1,000

Received on: 26 August 2025. Hours: 12 hrs approximate.

(Registered 4 September 2025)

Anna Gelderd

6 November 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 October 2024)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Senior Advisor

Until: 5 July 2024.

Payer: Oceana (Conservation Charity), C/O Bates Wells & Braithwaite, 10 Queen

Street Place, London EC4R 1BE
(Registered 2 August 2024)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Dave Summers

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 2 August 2024)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 30 June 2025

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: International Conservation Caucus Foundation

Address of donor: 2nd Floor Parkgates, Bury New Road, Prestwich, Manchester
M25 0TL

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Accommodation
(£1310), value £1,310

Destination of visit: France (Nice)

Dates of visit: 7 June 2025 to 11 June 2025

Purpose of visit: Attending United Nations Ocean Conference

(Registered 25 June 2025)

Sarah Gibson

29 October 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 October 2024)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Lecturer

Payer: University of Bath (University), The University of Bath, Claverton Down,
Bath BA2 7AY

(Registered 25 July 2024)

Payment: £2,940.10 Final payment
Received on: 25 July 2024. Hours: 4 hrs.
(Registered 4 August 2024)

Role, work or services: Councillor
Payer: Wiltshire Council, Council House Bourne Hill, Salisbury SP1 3UZ
(Registered 25 July 2024)

Remuneration: £1,322.42 a month Amount is approximate.
Hours: 5 hrs a week This is a set allowance, rather than a salary.
(Registered 25 July 2024)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Solutions Property Finder Limited
Address of donor: 48 The Causeway, Chippenham SN15 3EE
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000
Donor status: company, registration 06179400
(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: The Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust
Address of donor: The Garden House, Water End, York YO30 6WQ
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000
Donor status: company, registration 00357963
(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Malcolm Hewson
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,153
Donor status: individual
(Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Carolyn King
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000
Donor status: individual
(Registered 2 August 2024)

Name of donor: Gitte Dawson
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000
Donor status: individual
(Registered 3 August 2024)

Name of donor: Steven Payne
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000
Donor status: individual
(Registered 3 August 2024)

Name of donor: Adam Ward
Address of donor: private
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,345
Donor status: individual
(Registered 3 August 2024)

7. (i) Shareholdings: over 15% of issued share capital

Name of company or organisation: Labox Ltd
Nature of business: Architectural practice
(Registered 23 July 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Bradford on Avon Town Councillor. This is an unpaid role.
(Registered 23 July 2024)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 12 May 2025

8. Miscellaneous

Bradford on Avon Town Councillor. This is an unpaid role.

Date interest ended: 30 April 2025

(Registered 23 July 2024; updated 9 May 2025)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 15 September 2025

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Councillor

Until: 30 April 2025.

Payer: Wiltshire Council, Council House Bourne Hill, Salisbury SP1 3UZ

(Registered 25 July 2024; updated 9 May 2025 and 15 September 2025)

Remuneration: £1,322.42 a month Amount is approximate.

Until: 30 April 2025.

Hours: 5 hrs a week This is a set allowance, rather than a salary.

(Registered 25 July 2024; updated 15 September 2025)

Alison Griffiths

24 March 2025: Register of Members' Interest (as at 24 March 2025)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Director

Payer: Gisborne Ltd (Strategy and Marketing Consulting, Technology Sector),
private address

Additional information: Gisborne Ltd is not currently profitable, so I have not received any income from it in this calendar year.

(Registered 1 August 2024)

2. (b) Any other support not included in Category 2(a)

Name of donor: Mr Chris Hayman CBE

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000

Date received: 7 June 2024

Date accepted: 7 June 2024

Donor status: individual

(Registered 17 August 2024)

Name of donor: Lord (Philip C) Harris

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Date received: 11 June 2024

Date accepted: 11 June 2024

Donor status: individual

(Registered 17 August 2024)

Name of donor: The Lord Michael Hintze

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,500

Date received: 11 June 2024

Date accepted: 11 June 2024

Donor status: individual

(Registered 17 August 2024)

Name of donor: Chris Hayman CBE

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000

Date received: 6 March 2025

Date accepted: 6 March 2025

Donor status: individual

(Registered 10 March 2025)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: (1) Skigruppe der Bundesversammlung (2) Davos Klosters Bergbahnen AG

Address of donor: (1) private (2) Brämabühlstrasse 11, CH- 7270 Davos Platz

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): (1) For my husband and I, ski pass (one person), ski guides, formal dinner and receptions (value approximate), value £1,045 (2) For my husband and I, ski pass (one person), value £373. I paid all other costs, value £1,418

Destination of visit: Switzerland (Davos)

Dates of visit: 31 December 2024 to 7 January 2025

Purpose of visit: Participation in the 69th Annual British-Swiss Parliamentary ski week with the APPG for Switzerland, including political meetings with Swiss Parliamentarians and diplomats.

(Registered 27 January 2025)

6. Land and property portfolio with a value over £100,000 and where indicated, the portfolio provides a rental income of over £10,000 a year

Type of land/property: Residential property (Flat)

Number of properties: 1

Location: London

Ownership details: Co-owned with family member.

(Registered 2 August 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Unpaid directorship, Sterling Montague Ltd.

(Registered 3 August 2024)

Unpaid directorship

Strategic Risk Control Ltd.

(Registered 3 August 2024)

Trustee of The Industry and Parliament Trust. The IPT is an independent, nonlobbying, non-partisan charity that provides a trusted platform of engagement between Parliament and UK business.

Date interest arose: 11 February 2025

(Registered 10 March 2025)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 7 April 2025

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: British Kebab Awards/Centre for Turkey Studies

Address of donor: Flat 80 County Hall North Block, 5 Chicheley Street, London SE1 7PN

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Tickets for two of my staff to attend the British Kebab Awards 2025. I did not attend. Value £300 + VAT per person., value £720

Date received: 26 February 2025

Date accepted: 26 February 2025

Donor status: company, registration 07512777

(Registered 25 March 2025)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 14 July 2025

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Lawn Tennis Association Limited

Address of donor: The National Tennis Centre 100 Priory Lane Roehampton
SW15 5JQ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Two tickets, with lunch to the HSBC Championships at The Queen's Club, value £420

Date received: 19 June 2025

Date accepted: 19 June 2025

Donor status: company, registration 07459469

(Registered 1 July 2025)

Pippa Heylings

6 November 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 October 2024)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: District Councillor and Chair, Climate Change and Environment Committee

From: 5 May 2022.

Payer: South Cambridgeshire District Council, South Cambridgeshire Hall
Cambourne Business Park Cambourne, Cambridge CB23 6EA

(Registered 3 August 2024)

Remuneration: £527 a month

Hours: 10 hrs a week Approximate number of hours

(Registered 3 August 2024)

Role, work or services: Executive Director

Until: 30 July 2024.

Payer: Talking Transformation Limited (Small consultancy business specialising in facilitation and conflict management on environmental, climate change and

sustainability issues, mainly international work, bringing together multiple actors from different sectors to reach agreements.), private address
(Registered 3 August 2024)

Remuneration: £1,047.50 a month

From: 10 April 2013. Until: 2 August 2024.

Hours: 30 hrs a week Number of hours worked is approximate

(Registered 3 August 2024)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: John Cooper

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £7,000 support for my election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Name of donor: Dinesh Dhamija

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000 support for my general election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Margaret Heylings

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,700 support for my election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Robert Sansom

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 support for my general election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Jonathan Milner

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,500 for support for my general election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: James Moore

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £6,500 support for my general election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: The Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust Limited

Address of donor: The Garden House, Water End, York YO30 6WQ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000

Donor status: company, registration 00357963

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Pippa Heylings

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £3,000 support for my election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Matthew Oakeshott

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 support for my election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Keith Turner

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,999.98 support for my election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Claire Turner

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,998.98 support for my election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Alistair Barr

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 support for my election campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 1 August 2024)

Name of donor: Adam Management Holdings Limited

Address of donor: Suite 52, Technology Drive, Batley, WF17 6ER

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £4,000 support for Pippa Heylings' GE campaign

Donor status: company, registration 13453522

(Registered 3 August 2024)

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: John Mansfield

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: The loan of the cottage in the Lake District for my husband and I for 6 nights for a week holiday, value £600

Date received: 3 August 2024 to 9 August 2024

Date accepted: 3 August 2024

Donor status: individual

(Registered 3 August 2024)

7. (i) Shareholdings: over 15% of issued share capital

Name of company or organisation: Talking Transformation Ltd

Nature of business: Consultancy company, specialising in facilitation, dialogue and conflict management around environment and development issues, mainly working internationally.

Interest held: until 29 July 2024

(Registered 3 August 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Unpaid trustee of international NGO based in Ecuador, Fundacion Futuro Latino Americano.

(Registered 3 August 2024)

6 November 2024: Additional declarations made at first meeting of the committee:

At the meeting of 6 November 2024, Pippa Heylings additionally declared that she is Vice-Chair of the APPG on Climate Change; Vice-Chair of the APPG on International Conservation; Co-Chair of the APPG on Global Deforestation; and Officer on the APPG on Life Sciences.

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 3 February 2025

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: International Conservation Caucus Foundation

Address of donor: 71-75 Shelton Street, Covent Garden, London WC2H 9JQ

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights (£1225)
Accommodation (£515), value £1,740

Destination of visit: Colombia (Cali)

Dates of visit: 21 October 2024 to 28 October 2024

Purpose of visit: Cross-Party MP Delegation to the United Nations Conference on Biodiversity COP16 in Cali, Colombia

(Registered 3 February 2025)

Name of donor: Adam Management Holdings

Address of donor: One Canada Square Canary Wharf, London E14 5AA

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights (£1800)
Accommodation (£800), value £2,600

Destination of visit: Azerbaijan (Baku)

Dates of visit: 17 November 2024 to 22 November 2024

Purpose of visit: Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Energy Security and Net Zero as member of cross-party MP delegation to United Nations Conference on Climate Change COP29 in Baku

(Registered 3 February 2025)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 10 March 2025

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: District Councillor and Chair, Climate Change and Environment Committee

From: 5 May 2022. Until: 5 September 2024.

Payer: South Cambridgeshire District Council, South Cambridgeshire Hall
Cambourne Business Park Cambourne, Cambridge CB23 6EA

(Registered 3 August 2024; updated 3 March 2025)

Remuneration: £527 a month

Until: 5 September 2024.

Hours: 10 hrs a week Approximate number of hours

(Registered 3 August 2024; updated 3 March 2025)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Edward Powell

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000

Donor status: individual

(Registered 2 March 2025)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: Yachad

Address of donor: Star House, 104-108 Grafton Road, London NW5 4BA

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights, accommodation, hospitality and travel, value £1,958

Destination of visit: Israel (Occupied Palestinian Territories)

Dates of visit: 16 February 2025 to 20 February 2025

Purpose of visit: To meet victims of violence in Israel and the West Bank, and a range of individuals and organisations, to understand the steps needed to achieve a resolution to the Israel-Palestine conflict and to respond to the humanitarian situation in Gaza.

(Registered 3 March 2025)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 24 March 2025

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: International Conservation Caucus Foundation

Address of donor: 71-75 Shelton Street, Covent Garden, London WC2H 9JQ

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights (£1225), Accommodation (£515), value £1,740

Destination of visit: Colombia (Cali)

Dates of visit: 21 October 2024 to 28 October 2024

Purpose of visit: Cross-Party MP Delegation to the United Nations Conference on Biodiversity COP16 in Cali, Colombia

(Registered 3 February 2025)

This is a late entry to which the rectification procedure was applied on 25 March 2025. Paragraph 51 of the Procedural Protocol in respect of the Code of Conduct refers.

Name of donor: Adam Management Holdings

Address of donor: One Canada Square Canary Wharf, London E14 5AA

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights (£1800), Accommodation (£800), value £2,600

Destination of visit: Azerbaijan (Baku)

Dates of visit: 17 November 2024 to 22 November 2024

Purpose of visit: Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Energy Security and Net Zero as member of cross-party MP delegation to United Nations Conference on Climate Change COP29 in Baku

(Registered 3 February 2025)

Chris Hinchliff

29 October 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 October 2024)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: District Councillor

Until: 2 September 2024.

Payer: North Herts District Council, North Herts Council, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City SG6 3JF

Additional information: I have now deferred my allowance and will be taking no further payments.

(Registered 18 July 2024; updated 30 September 2024)

Remuneration: £1,051.75 a month

From: 5 July 2024. Until: 15 July 2024.

Hours: 8 hrs a month Hours worked are estimated.

(Registered 18 July 2024)

Payment: £56.23 Final closing payment from North Herts Council

Received on: 14 August 2024. Hours: This payment solely relates to unpaid allowances accrued prior to receipt of my request to defer all of my allowances from North Herts Council.

(Registered 29 August 2024; updated 30 September 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

District Councillor for Royston Palace ward on North Herts District Council. This is an unpaid role.

Date interest ended: 2 September 2024

Additional information: I have deferred any further payment of my councillors allowance, so it is now an unpaid role

(Registered 15 July 2024; updated 30 September 2024)

29 October 2024: Additional declarations made at first meeting of the committee:

At the meeting of 29 October 2024, Chris Hinchliff additionally declared that he is a member of Labour Coast & Country, A member of his family is a paid employee of The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, and that within the last 12 months he had been a paid employee of CPRE, the countryside charity.

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 15 September 2025

8. Miscellaneous

Vice Chair of the Climate and Nature Crisis Caucus. This is an unpaid role.

Date interest arose: 15 July 2025

(Registered 8 September 2025)

Martin Rhodes

29 October 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 October 2024)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Employee - Chief Executive

Until: 25 July 2024.

Payer: Scottish Fair Trade Forum (Registered charity and company limited by guarantee promoting Fair Trade), Robertson House, 152 Bath Street, Glasgow G24TB

(Registered 30 July 2024)

Payment: £836.02 payment for 5 days work during my notice period starting from my resignation on being elected.

Received on: 25 July 2024. Hours: 35 hrs.
(Registered 30 July 2024)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Labour Together Limited
Address of donor: Langley House Park Road, East Finchley, London N2 8EY
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £10,000 to support my election campaign in Glasgow North
Donor status: company, registration 09630980
(Registered 29 July 2024)

Name of donor: Unite the Union
Address of donor: 128 Theobalds Road, London WC1X 8TN
Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 to support my election campaign in Glasgow North
Donor status: trade union
(Registered 29 July 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Board member of the World Fair Trade Organization – Europe
Date interest arose: 4 July 2024
Date interest ended: 24 July 2024
(Registered 30 August 2024)

29 October 2024: Additional declarations made at first meeting of the committee:

At the meeting of 29 October 2024, Martin Rhodes additionally declared that he is a member of the trade unions, Unite and Unison.

Blake Stephenson

29 October 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 October 2024)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Compliance Officer
Until: 5 July 2024.
Payer: London Stock Exchange Group, 10 Paternoster Square, London EC4M 7LS
(Registered 31 July 2024)

Payment: £772.73 Final payment from my employment immediately preceding my election to Parliament

Received on: 15 July 2024. Hours: Full time employment contract which was terminated immediately on my election to Parliament.

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Role, work or services: Central Bedfordshire Councillor

Payer: Central Bedfordshire Council (Local Authority), Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Bedfordshire SG17 5TQ

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Payment: £634.57 payment for the period ending 31 July 2024

Received on: 26 July 2024. Hours: 37 hrs Members responsibility allowance.

(Registered 31 July 2024)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Duke of Bedford

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,200

Donor status: individual

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Name of donor: The Portcullis Club

Address of donor: 20 Wilson Close, Shillington SG5 3PN

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 donations towards my election campaign

Donor status: unincorporated association

(Registered 4 August 2024)

Name of donor: Duchess of Bedford

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,200

Donor status: individual

(Registered 4 August 2024)

6. Land and property portfolio with a value over £100,000 and where indicated, the portfolio provides a rental income of over £10,000 a year

Type of land/property: Residential property

Number of properties: 1

Location: London

Ownership details: Co-owned with partner

(Registered 31 July 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Chair of Governors, Shillington and Stondon Federation. This is an unpaid role.

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Unpaid Director of Swallow Place Management Company Limited.

(Registered 31 July 2024)

Central Bedfordshire Councillor.

(Registered 31 July 2024)

29 October 2024: Additional declarations made at first meeting of the committee:

At the meeting of 29 October 2024, Blake Stephenson additionally declared that he has a small share in a cooperative managed by Ripple Energy to source low cost green energy. The financial benefit is savings applied through the energy bill between the project coming online (estimated Spring 2025) and the end of it's (estimated multi-decade) lifespan.

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 3 February 2025

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: Woburn Enterprises Limited

Address of donor: The Bedford Office, Woburn, Milton Keynes, Bedfordshire, MK17 9PQ

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: Three places on the off-road experience followed by an industry roundtable sandwich lunch, value £447

Date received: 17 January 2025

Date accepted: 17 January 2025

Donor status: company, registration 00966094

(Registered 26 January 2025)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 28 April 2025

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: London Marathon Events Limited

Address of donor: 190 Great Dover Street, London SE1 4YB

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: 2025 London Marathon Start and Finish Line Hospitality., value £350

Date received: 27 April 2025

Date accepted: 27 April 2025

Donor status: company, registration 01528489

(Registered 28 April 2025)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 2 June 2025

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Compliance Officer

Until: 28 February 2023.

Payer: Tradeweb Europe Limited (A UK investment firm with permissions to operate a Multilateral Trading Facility ("MTF"), an Organised Trading Facility ("OTF") and an Approved Publication Arrangement ("APA").), 1 Fore Street Avenue, Moorgate, London EC2Y 9DT

(Registered 20 May 2025)

Payment: £15,211.53 Total gross payments (before deductions) associated with the vesting and sale of restricted stock units in Tradeweb Inc. which were earned whilst in employment before entering Parliament.

Received on: 1 May 2025. Hours: no hours entered.

(Registered 20 May 2025)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 4 August 2025

8. Miscellaneous

Chair of Governors, Shillington and Stondon Federation. This is an unpaid role.

Date interest ended: 3 July 2025

(Registered 31 July 2024; updated 21 July 2025)

Alison Taylor

29 October 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 October 2024)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: DRUM VC LTD

Address of donor: The Coach House, 12 Rubislaw Terrace, Aberdeen AB10 1XF

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000

Donor status: company, registration SC 437127

(Registered 3 August 2024)

Name of donor: Mr Gary Lubner

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £11,250 for the General Election campaign. To be spent on costs of campaign office and equipment, digital advertising, direct mail and staff costs.

Donor status: individual

(Registered 3 August 2024)

6. Land and property portfolio with a value over £100,000 and where indicated, the portfolio provides a rental income of over £10,000 a year

Type of land/property: Residential property (Apartment)

Number of properties: 1

Location: Andulucia, Spain

Ownership details: Co-owned with two other family members.

(Registered 3 August 2024)

Type of land/property: Residential property (Semi- detached cottage)

Number of properties: 1

Location: Isle of Arran

Ownership details: Co-owned with two family members
(Registered 3 August 2024)

7. (i) Shareholdings: over 15% of issued share capital

Name of company or organisation: Urban Property Management Ltd
(Registered 3 August 2024)

Name of company or organisation: Orion Estates and Investments Ltd
Nature of business: Investment and development of commercial property and asset management
Held jointly with or on behalf of: jointly with my spouse and father
(Registered 3 August 2024)

Name of company or organisation: Orion Developments and Investments Ltd
Nature of business: Commercial Property and development company/asset management activities
Held jointly with or on behalf of: jointly with my spouse and father
(Registered 3 August 2024)

7. (ii) Other shareholdings, valued at more than £70,000

Name of company or organisation: Rubicon Land Ltd
Nature of business: Commercial property development company, land trading (including residential), energy storage projects, asset management and property investment in various sectors.
Held jointly with or on behalf of: Jointly with my spouse and external shareholders
(Registered 3 August 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Fellowship of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.
(Registered 3 August 2024)

Shares in a privately owned company - Avison Young Canada Inc.
(Registered 3 August 2024)

Shares in a dormant company no longer trading- Holland House Property Investments Ltd
(Registered 3 August 2024)

Cameron Thomas

13 November 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 11 November 2024)

2. (a) Support linked to an MP but received by a local party organisation or indirectly via a central party organisation

Name of donor: Anthony Mackinnon

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £5,000 for the Tewkesbury Liberal Democrats General Election Campaign.

Donor status: individual

(Registered 23 July 2024)

Name of donor: Anthony Mackinnon

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £2,000 for the Tewkesbury Liberal Democrats General Election Campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 23 July 2024)

Name of donor: Anthony Mackinnon

Address of donor: private

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1,000 for the Tewkesbury Liberal Democrats General Election Campaign

Donor status: individual

(Registered 29 July 2024)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 6 January 2025

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: International Conservation Caucus Foundation

Address of donor: 71-75 Shelton Street, Covent Garden, London WC2H 9JQ

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): Flights (£1,502.99), accommodation (£438), 4 nights hospitality (£110), value £2,050.99

Destination of visit: Colombia

Dates of visit: 22 October 2024 to 28 October 2024

Purpose of visit: COP16 conference

(Registered 12 December 2024)

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 7 April 2025

3. Gifts, benefits and hospitality from UK sources

Name of donor: National Liberal Club

Address of donor: 1 Whitehall Place, Westminster, London SW1A2HE

Amount of donation or nature and value if donation in kind: £1080 plus £200 exact fee for becoming a member of the National Liberal Club, value £1,280

Date received: 3 March 2025

Date accepted: 14 March 2025

Donor status: company, registration 01355034

(Registered 28 March 2025)

4. Visits outside the UK

Name of donor: (1) Friends of Ukraine (2) Zhytomyr Administration (3) Kyivstar (4) Yes Foundation

Address of donor: (1) 81 High Street, Cosham, Portsmouth P06 3BL (2) Public service and Government, Bud 1 Kimn, 406, Vul. Lesi Ukrainky. Zhytomyr (3) 03113, m. Kyiv, vul. Dehtiarivska, 53 (4) 01601, Ukraine, Kyiv, Shovkovychna Street, 42-44

Estimate of the probable value (or amount of any donation): (1) Transportation £17.24, value £17.24 (2) Day trip £25.00, value £25 (3) Meal £50.00, value £50 (4) Conference £150, value £150

Destination of visit: Ukraine

Dates of visit: 18 February 2025 to 28 March 2025

Purpose of visit: Support, aid, and to highlight areas that have been devastated by the war.

(Registered 31 March 2025)

John Whitby

29 October 2024: Register of Members' Interest (as at 28 October 2024)

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Councillor

Payer: Derby City Council, Corporation Street, Derby DE1 2FS

(Registered 19 July 2024)

Remuneration: £12,825.48 a year No longer receiving Council allowance

From: 25 September 2024. Until: 10 October 2024.

Hours: 5 hrs a week estimated

(Registered 19 July 2024; updated 3 October 2024 and 30 October 2024)

8. Miscellaneous

Labour Party representative on the Derby Museums Trust. This is an unpaid role.

Date interest ended: 17 July 2024

(Registered 19 July 2024; updated 3 October 2024)

29 October 2024: Additional declarations made at first meeting of the committee:

At the meeting of 29 October 2024, John Whitby additionally declared that he is a Member of the APPG for Climate, and a Member of the APPG for Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage.

Update to Register of Members' Interests, as of 10 March 2025

1. Employment and earnings

Role, work or services: Fostering

Payer: Derby City Council Social Services (Local Authority), Derby City Council, Council House, Corporation Street Derby DE1 2FS

(Registered 3 March 2025)

Payment: £1,000 allowance bonus paid for year 2023 to 2024.

Received on: 13 February 2025. Hours: none since my election.

(Registered 3 March 2025)

Sammy Wilson

26 February 2025: Register of Members' Interest (as at 24 February 2025)

8. Miscellaneous

Board Member of the Centre for Brexit Policy. This is an unpaid role.

Date interest arose: 1 June 2019

(Registered 2 February 2022)

(ii) Specialist Advisers

Professor Mark Brandon

Specialist Adviser for the inquiry into The UK and the Antarctic environment, declared the following interests:

13 November 2024:

Current employment with The Open University.

That he receives an honorarium acting as a UKRI Research Council Peer Review College Chair (2020-2024) from the Natural Environment Research Council,

That he is an Ad Hoc Member of the Antarctic Place Names Committee appointed by the Government of the British Antarctic Territory.

That he is Standing Chair of the Natural Environment Research Council Peer Review College frequently participating in and chairing committees responsible for the disbursement of millions of pounds of research funding.

From 2015 to the present he is an International Trustee of the International Polar Foundation (IPF). The International Polar Foundation is Belgium Based and supports polar scientific research for the advancement of knowledge, the promotion of informed action on climate change, and the development of a sustainable society. International Trustees oversee the IPF is adhering to its Charter in the UK. The UK section became dormant in 2018.

He is a Member of the Antarctic Club.

He is a Member of the Arctic Club.

From 2000 to the present he is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

From 2005 to the present he is a Member of the International Glaciological Society.

From 1991 to the present he is a Member of The American Geophysical Union

From 1991 to the present he is a Member of Challenger Society for Marine Science, and Editor of Ocean Challenge, the journal of the Challenger Society for Marine Science 2007-9.

From 2020 to the present he is a (non-campaigning) Member of the Labour Party (UK).

Dr Sophus zu Ermgassen

Specialist Adviser for the inquiry into The role of natural capital in the green economy, declared the following interests:

That he undertakes occasional small-scale freelance consultancy work on the design of nature markets, biodiversity offsets, and company sustainability strategies. Recent clients include the Woodland Trust and WWF UK. The focus of these projects has been on outlining what high integrity markets could look like which deliver high-quality positive ecological outcomes.

Dr William Brittain

Specialist Adviser for the inquiry into The UK and the Antarctic environment,
declared the following interests:

30 June 2025:

Pecuniary interests:

GlaxoSmithKline - Research grant sponsor

F2 Chemicals - Research grant sponsor

Pleco Therapeutics - Research grant sponsor

Centre for Process Innovation - Research grant sponsor

NorthEast Pharma - Research grant sponsor

Nonpecuniary interests:

Royal Society of Chemistry - Member

American Chemical Society - Member