

## Guide to colours

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### Farm Foresight Policy Tracker - Government 2025-2026 (Yr 2 Labour)

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Sainsburys commits £5bn to long-term farm deals	Farming	Sainsburys	Press release	31/03/2026		By the end of 2026, 60% of Sainsbury's suppliers are expected to be on contracts lasting more than 5 years, as the supermarket looks to instil confidence in its farming supply base	<a href="#">Here</a>
Gene-edited barley bred by Rothamsted becomes first to receive a UK bred precision marketing notice	Farming	Rothamsted	Press release	30/03/2026		Bred using CRISPR technology, the new variety accumulates more plant lipids making it a better quality forage crop. The Notice will allow field scale trials to proceed.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Food for Thought: Increasing access to healthy, nutritious and affordable food	Food	Equality and Social Justice Committee	Report	30/03/2026		Inquiry focused on the Welsh Govt's approach to tackling food insecurity, with 21% of Welsh households suffering food insecurity. Report recommended a focus on local supply chains, sourcing commitments for horticulture, and put schools and communities at the heart of change	<a href="#">Here</a>
Pupils, patients and public sector workers to prosper through local food procurement	Food	DEFRA	Press release	30/03/2026		Govt is giving £155k to 5 different councils in England to help demonstrate best practice in local food procurement, as part of Govt's strategy to procure half of all public sector procurement (£4.9bn/yr) from more and local sustainable sources	<a href="#">Here</a>
Animal Sentience Committee: animal welfare strategy for England 2025	Farming	Animal Sentience Committee	Correspondence	30/03/2026		Responds to the Animal Welfare Strategy, noting areas of progress and areas for improvement, mostly around consistency of approach but including the possibility to use food labelling to drive consumer behaviours around animal welfare standards	<a href="#">Here</a>
Pioneering nature market standards released for adoption	Green Finance	BSI	News	27/03/2026		Two more nature market standards for biodiversity and nutrients are now ready for adoption, with a further standard on community engagement under consultation and assessment criteria launched	<a href="#">Here</a>
Farm income rises in 2024-25	Farming	Scottish Govt	Statistics	26/03/2026		Farm incomes rose in 2024-25, after sharp declines in 2023-24. Increases in income are largely driven by high livestock prices, while total input costs remained stable. Decreases in costs for fertiliser and feed were offset by increases in labour and land and property costs.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Voluntary Carbon and Nature Markets: Raising Integrity	Green Finance	HM Govt	Consultation response	26/03/2026		Consultation responses published. Govt response to follow in summer 2026.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Smart Data 2035: the UK's Smart Data Strategy	Economy	HM Govt	Policy Paper	26/03/2026		Sets out the Govt's vision for 'smart data' systems across gov't and business, and how this be used to drive growth across the economy, looking specifically at the Industrial Strategy sectors but also covering Agrifood - noting it has commissioned work in 2026 to support environmental data sharing	<a href="#">Here</a>
Livestock populations in England	Farming	DEFRA	Official Statistics	26/03/2026		Updated to end of Dec 25 statistics - continued decline in cattle and sheep numbers evident, pigs static	<a href="#">Here</a>
Area under agri-environment schemes in England at 31st December 2025	Environment	DEFRA	Official Statistics	26/03/2026		Area under any agreement estimated to be 69% of the utilised agricultural area of England, with uncertainties due to overlaps in agreement areas. Further analysis offered at sub-regional level.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Trail hunting set to be banned	Economy	DEFRA	Press release	26/03/2026	15/06/2026	Govt set to ban trail hunting in England and Wales, a key manifesto commitment - will ban the use of animal-scents but allow for 'clean trails'. Consultation open until 15 June.	<a href="#">Here</a> and <a href="#">consultation here</a>
Farming and food leaders unite to drive growth in British agriculture	Farming	DEFRA	Press release	25/03/2026		First meeting of the Farming and Food Partnership Board	<a href="#">Here</a>
Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill	Farming	Scottish Govt	Press release	24/03/2026		Landmark legislation passed to modernise crofting law, making it easier to pass on crafts, and the land tribunals framework	<a href="#">Here</a>
Visitor Levy Amendment Bill passed	Economy	Scottish Govt	Press release	24/03/2026		New legislation gives councils who choose to introduce a visitor levy greater choice in how they design and apply it to raise funds for local tourist services.	<a href="#">Here</a>
The Environment Strategy for Scotland	Environment	Scottish Govt	Strategy/plan	24/03/2026		Detailed vision and outcomes for Scotland's environmental restoration, climate recovery and global contribution, relying on the principles of Just Transition to achieve economic renewal and widespread social benefits	<a href="#">Here</a>
Rural Support Plan	Farming	Scottish Govt	News	24/03/2026		Plan required under the Agriculture and Rural Communities Act 2024, maps the process of evolving legacy support into the new four-tier framework, including the Minister's strategic priorities for the 5yr funding period, and an overview of the expected support.	<a href="#">Here</a>

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Scotland's Climate Change Plan: 2026 – 2040	Climate	Scottish Govt	Strategy/plan	24/03/2026		Details over 150 actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions over the next 15 years, along with a range of delivery indicators including increasing woodland creation so that by 2029-30, 18,000 hectares are planted every year, with 21% woodland cover in Scotland by 2032 and increasing peatland restoration by 10% each year to 2030	<a href="#">Here</a>
Nature Investment Standards	Green finance	DEFRA	Guidance	24/03/2026		BSI has announced new standards for nature investment, including on community engagement, and also an assurance process for conformity assessment bodies.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Report - The Nature for Climate Fund	Green finance	NAO	Report	24/03/2026		Assesses the value for money of DEFRA's flagship £764mn Nature of Climate Fund, suggesting that it worked to create a step-change in tree planting and peatland restoration rates against intentionally stretching targets, however future work needs to better assess the full range of benefits associated with the activities and do more to attract private sources of finance.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Expanding the role of the private sector in nature recovery	Green finance	DEFRA	Consultation response	24/03/2026		Response to consultation of May 25. 5 key messages were heard in the consultation response and Govt broadly accepts its ongoing role in each, eg in providing policy certainty, creating demand drivers, de-risking early investments, and developing standards and factors that underpin market confidence. A number of consultations are ongoing to inform this, but the response sets an optimistic tone in driving the work forwards. Notable commitment to work ongoing in agri-food data transparency.	<a href="#">Here</a>
World first for Woodland Carbon Code	Green Finance	Scottish Forestry	Press release	23/03/2026		The Woodland Carbon Code has become the first government-run carbon standard in the world to enter full assessment by the Integrity Council for the Voluntary Carbon Market.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Scottish Action Plan for Invasive Non-Native Species 2026-2032	Environment	NatureScot	Strategy/plan	20/03/2026		Sets targets to reduce the rates of new and established INNS by at least 50% compared to 2000 levels, as well as to eradicate or control INNS in priority sites such as islands.	<a href="#">Here</a>
£3 Million Secured to Continue Welsh Sheep Genetics Programme	Farming	Welsh Govt	Press release	19/03/2026		£3mn programme to deliver on genetic improvements for efficiency, environmental impact - delivered by HCC	<a href="#">Here</a>
Balance sheet analysis and farming performance, England 2024/25	Farming	DEFRA	Statistics	19/03/2026		Assesses performance of 'commercial farms' (>£25k output, 90% of all farms) in England - debt, gearing etc largely unchanged, but ROCE up 0.7% to -0.1%.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Marketing fertilising products in the UK: regulatory reform	Farming	DEFRA	Consultation	19/03/2026	13/05/2026	Substantial reforms to the Fertiliser Regulations supported by all four Home Nations - seeks to drive innovation and diversify supply, noting the supply crisis caused by Iran War	Consultation <a href="#">here</a>
Permitted development rights for onshore wind turbines in England	Land use	DESNZ	Consultation	18/03/2026	10/06/2026	Consults on a improvements to existing household PDRs and on a new PDR for small, non-domestic wind turbines ie for farms and businesses	<a href="#">Here</a>
Energy use on farms in England	Farming	DEFRA	Official Statistics	18/03/2026		In response to Iran War, additional data tables on red diesel usage on farm added	<a href="#">Here</a>
Land Use and Nature Inquiry	Land use	EFRA	Inquiry	18/03/2026		EFRA's new inquiry is set to examine Govt's long term strategy on its targets for land use, with a particular focus on how it balances competing pressures and trade-offs facing the country's landscapes.	<a href="#">Here</a>
The Land Use Framework for England	Land use	DEFRA	Policy Paper	18/03/2026		Sets a vision for land use in England by 2030 and 2050, including a commitment to domestic food production in balance with alternative land uses, based on a digital approach to understanding land capability, revisions to Land Registry data availability, and a renewed spatial planning approach on land use decision making.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Food and drink industry support	Food	Scottish Govt	Press release	17/03/2026		Applications have opened for the Food and Drink Processing Scheme Scotland as part of a £9 million investment package - offers match-funded capital grants to businesses backing projects to increase productivity, improve efficiency, and invest in new equipment and technology.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Nature Estate Cymru launches to protect Wales' land and climate	Environment	Welsh Govt	Press release	13/03/2026		Nature Estate Cymru brings together organisations responsible for significant areas of Welsh land – including Natural Resources Wales, the three national park authorities, the National Trust, RSPB, Dŵr Cymru, and others – to collaborate on delivering real environmental change at scale.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Ffermio Bro: Locally led actions deliver nature recovery	Environment	Welsh Govt	Press release	12/03/2026		Collaborative farmland nature restoration scheme has overdelivered in its first year, leading to a three year funding commitment of £6.5mn; working with Designated Landscapes bodies across Wales, the fund says for capital works on farms including tree planting and stonewall restoration	<a href="#">Here</a>
Welsh Farmers to Access Low-Interest Green Loans	Farming	Welsh Govt	Press release	12/03/2026		12 month pilot to offer a Sustainable Agriculture Loan Scheme (SALS) - 6 month interest free, fixed 3% interest rate, repayable over up to 15 years, to help small and medium-sized farms invest in energy efficiency, waste management and productivity improvements.	<a href="#">Here</a>

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Strategic Policy Statement for Natural England	Environment	DEFRA	Policy Paper	12/03/2026		Sets out the Secretary of State's expectations for Natural England as the government's adviser on the natural environment. It outlines how Natural England should support economic growth while delivering nature recovery.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Strategic Policy Statement for the Environment Agency	Environment	DEFRA	Policy Paper	12/03/2026		Sets expectations on modernising operations, using constrained discretion and improving regulatory performance. It is intended to guide the Environment Agency's decision-making within its existing statutory and regulatory framework.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Regulation reset to fast-track homes, transport and clean energy	Environment	DEFRA	Press release	12/03/2026		£100mn allocated to help Env Agency and Natural England focus on 'outcomes over processes' through the use of Strategic Planning Statements, with funding allocated to specialist staff and digital systems and a new Infrastructure Unit to keep major projects on track, such as East-West Rail	<a href="#">Here</a>
Agriculture Act 2020: Post-Legislative Assessment	Farming	DEFRA	Policy Paper	10/03/2026		Summarises the work of DEFRA since the Agriculture Act 2020 on all elements of the legislative framework and policy direction set out for the agricultural transition in England. A separate economic assessment to follow.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Contractual controls on land consultation: government response	Housing	DLUHC	Consultation response	09/03/2026		Comprehensive govt response on plans to require contractual controls on land (often used during the preparatory work for development and land promotion) to be disclosed and publicly available through the Land Registry.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Reforms to the Energy Performance of Buildings regime	Housing	MHCLG	Consultation response	09/03/2026		Launch of the reforms are being moved to the second half of 2027.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Farm tech turbocharged to help send innovations into orbit	Farming	DEFRA	Press release	04/03/2026		Seven British businesses have won a share of £560,000 in government funding to develop space and AI technologies that could transform British farming, driving economic growth and nature recovery.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Apply now: Sustainable Farming Scheme opens for Welsh farmers	Farming	Welsh Govt	Press release	02/03/2026		Welsh farmers will be able to apply for the Sustainable Farming Scheme (SFS) for the first time, as the Single Application Form (SAF) opens	<a href="#">Here</a>
Government response to OEP recommendations in its review of implementation of laws for terrestrial and freshwater protected sites in England	Environment	DEFRA	Policy Paper	02/03/2026		Relates to SSSIs in England - acknowledging the tough financial constraints on Natural England, Govt rejects many of the OEPs recommendations to toughen the regulatory and enforcement framework, but commits again to improving relationships and information flows to owners of SSSIs, and says its on a pathway to "combine Natural England's farm and land management advice with that of other delivery partners, including Arm's Length Bodies and independent advisers".	<a href="#">Here</a>
Publication of Wildlife Crime in Scotland 2024	Environment	Scottish Govt	Statistics	27/02/2026		Recorded wildlife crime offences increased by 15% between 2022-23 and 2023-24 from 220 to 254 offences, before falling by 27% between 2023-24 and 2024-25 to 186 offences.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Animal Health and Welfare Pathway: mandatory proposals	Farming	DEFRA	Consultation	24/02/2026	18/05/2026	Seeks views on a mandatory annual Animal Health and Welfare Review (vet visit) for cattle, sheep and pigs, annual flock health plan for sheep, eradication programme for Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) in cattle, and control and eradication programme for Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) in pigs	<a href="#">Here</a>
Approach to the UK REACH candidate list of substances of very high concern	Environment	DEFRA	Policy Paper	24/02/2026		Interim principles for UK REACH that have been in place since 2021 will now be replaced by an approach more closely aligned with the EU. Chemicals that have been placed on the EU's candidate list as particularly hazardous substances since 2021 will now be reviewed and added to the UK's list, ensuring closer alignment.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Sustainable Farming Scheme: Optional and Collaborative Layers: overview of support available from 2026	Farming	Welsh Govt	Guidance	23/02/2026		Provides an overview of the OL and CL in order to enable farmers plan for which options they might adopt when the schemes open later in 2026	<a href="#">Here</a>
Deer Management Strategy	Environment	DEFRA	Consultation response	20/02/2026		Deer management strategy for England - evidence of overwhelming support for deer control to support woodland management and creation in consultation responses	<a href="#">Here</a>
Natural Flood Management Programme	Water	DEFRA/EA	Guidance	13/02/2026		Update published listing the 38 NFM projects going ahead as part of this project	<a href="#">Here</a>
Bioenergy Crops in England and the UK: 2008-2024	Land use	DEFRA	Statistics	12/02/2026		Last annual statistical release on biofuel production in the UK, as stats will be moving away from farm business survey and to demand-based sources eg the Renewable Fuels Obligation. In 2024, 2.4% of all arable land was used for bioenergy.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Law Commission publishes agricultural law scoping report for Wales	Farming	Law Commission	News	11/02/2026		Identifies which legislation should form part of a possible future code of agricultural law for Wales, technical changes needed to simplify, modernise and streamline the law, and issues which might require further consideration in the context of developing a code of agricultural law for Wales.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Largest ever enforcement workforce protecting waterways from pollution	Water	Environment Agency	News	11/02/2026		Enforcement team has increased 5fold since 2023	<a href="#">Here</a>

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Unlocking land for housing	Land use	NAO	Report	11/02/2026		Notes the work of MHCLG to develop land pipelines through eg Homes England, and makes recommendations for its next iteration of the National Housing Delivery Fund being launched on 1 April 2026, including better assessment of performance, offer clarity about its investment priorities and a clearer articulation of risk	<a href="#">Here</a>
Carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM): Policy Summary	Green Finance	HMRC	Policy Paper	10/02/2026		Sets out the background to the CBAM legislative framework, relevant to fertiliser imports	<a href="#">Here</a>
Local Power Plan	Economy	DESNZ	Report	09/02/2026		Launches an ambitious new funding and support framework to enable more communities to create and benefit from local renewables networks	<a href="#">Here</a>
UK-EU agritrade: making an SPS agreement work	Farming	EFRA	Report	05/02/2026		Welcomes the value that the EU reset will bring to UK agrifood but calls for a Swiss-style carve out from dynamic alignment on key issues, including animal welfare, precision breeding, and pesticides. Better communication will be needed to explain the changes.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Introducing the new nutrient management planning tool on GOV.UK	Farming	DEFRA	News	04/02/2026		New Gov backed nutrient planning tool launched, collaboration between AHDB, ADAS	<a href="#">Here</a>
Grey squirrel policy statement	Environment	DEFRA	Policy Paper	29/01/2026		Sets out the Govt intentions to support grey squirrel control in order to protect tree planting and native red squirrels	<a href="#">Here</a>
Analysis of the impact on UK crop production of GB aligning with EU rules and decisions on Plant Protection Products	Farming	CropLife	Research	29/01/2026		Analysis shows that PPP under threat from alignment with the EU under a revised SPS deal could cost UK agriculture £800mn a year	<a href="#">Here</a>
Inheritance tax measures: unused pension funds and agricultural and business property reliefs	Farming	House of Lords	Report	28/01/2026		The report recommends that Govt extend the inheritance tax payment deadline from 6 to 12 months, introduce safe-harbour periods from late interest payments, take steps to raise awareness of the reforms and produce practical guidance, and monitor the long-term impact of the reforms on farms and businesses.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Securing the Future of our Food	Farming	Aria/HAUC	Research	28/01/2026		Research calls for more support to attract talent into agriculture	<a href="#">Here</a>
Regulatory framework reform for sludge applied to agricultural land	Farming	DEFRA	Consultation	27/01/2026	24/03/2026	Building on the agricultural water pollution roundtables, the consultation focuses on the application of sewage sludge to land, suggesting three reform options including bringing sludge inside environmental permitting rules	Press release <a href="#">here</a> and consultation <a href="#">Here</a>
Air Pollution in England	Environment	EAC	Inquiry	20/01/2026		New inquiry on England's air pollution, will consider whether local authorities in England have the resources they need to monitor air quality and enforce existing rules	<a href="#">Here</a>
Global biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse and national security: A national security assessment	Environment	HMGovt	Report	20/01/2026		Stark assessment of the UK's exposure to risks as a result of global biodiversity loss.	<a href="#">Here</a>
A new vision for water	Water	HMGovt	White paper	20/01/2026		Proposes the abolition of four existing regulators bringing all water regulation into a single new entity, along with substantial reforms to make the regulatory and investment framework for water management more progressive and outcomes focussed. Agricultural pollution will be tackled through better enforcement and potentially new consolidated and simplified rules.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Livestock feed controls review for England and Wales	Farming	DEFRA	Consultation response	14/01/2026		The government proposes to proceed with feed control changes to allow certain processed animal proteins in animal diets, but will implement changes as part of a future SPS alignment process with the EU.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Progress in improving the natural environment in England 2024 to 2025	Environment	OEP	Command Paper	13/01/2026		Fourth OEP statutory report under EA21. Acknowledges improvements made in the EIP but notes Govt largely off track to meet environmental targets - it now has a choice: to accelerate delivery, or fail.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Mandatory sheep carcase classification and price reporting introduced	Farming	DEFRA	News	12/01/2026		Previously voluntary information submitted to AHDB will now be made compulsory and reportable to the RPA, giving enhanced visibility to farmers over markets and performance	News <a href="#">here</a> and guidance <a href="#">here</a>
Lamb welfare: proposed changes to castration and tail docking methods	Farming	DEFRA	Consultation	12/01/2026	09/03/2026	In alignment with the AWC's recommendations, consultation proposes improving access to new methods of castration and tail docking including use of pain relief	<a href="#">Here</a>
Cage reform: proposed ban on keeping laying hens, pullets and breeder layers in cages	Farming	DEFRA	Consultation	12/01/2026	09/03/2026	Consultation on a proposed ban on keeping laying hens, pullets and breeder layers in cages including colony enriched cages.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Impact Statement; 10 year health plan for England	Food	DHSC	Impact Statement	12/01/2026		Positions diet and the food environment as central to tackling obesity and poor health, proposing mandatory healthy food sales reporting, tighter advertising and school food standards, and incentives for healthier choices to reshape the food system toward better nutrition and prevention; estimates modernising food standards and policy could generate £7.7 billion in health benefits.	<a href="#">Here</a>

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The meat of the matter: what does the trend in lower meat consumption mean for UK livestock farmers?	Farming	Green Alliance	Report	09/01/2026		Analysis found that dedicating more land, not less, to environmentally positive action could be more profitable for some farms.	<a href="#">Here</a>
SoS address to the Oxford Farming Conference	Farming	DEFRA	News	08/01/2026		Outlined a renewed partnership with farmers, including new sector boards, reforms to the Sustainable Farming Incentive, extended landscape funding, planning reform, and a stronger focus on productivity, resilience, trade and long-term food security.	Speech <a href="#">here</a> and press release <a href="#">here</a>
Business investment boosted with new 40% tax relief	Economy	HMT	News	05/01/2026		A new 40% first-year capital allowance lets farm businesses deduct a large share of plant and machinery costs upfront, where full expensing isn't available.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Higher Tier capital grants and plans 2026	Environment	RPA	Grant	05/01/2026		HTCS launched, covering all or part of costs related to water management, wildlife management and boundary work; grant funding also available for plan development	<a href="#">Here</a> and plans <a href="#">here</a>
EU's CBAM comes into force	Climate	News	News	02/01/2026		Flagship levies on carbon intensive materials imported from outside the EU entered into force on 1 January	<a href="#">Here</a>
Food Future 2035: The Critical Decade	Food	BSI	Paper	02/01/2026		Recommends transforming food systems by adopting regenerative agriculture, alternative proteins, circular waste practices, AI-driven supply efficiency, local resilience, verified nutrition, and science-based innovation, supported by measurable standards, collaboration, and consumer trust to ensure sustainable, resilient, and equitable food futures	<a href="#">Here</a>
Record year for wind and solar in 2025	Climate	BBC	News	02/01/2026		Renewable energy - considered crucial to limiting climate change - produced a record amount of electricity in Great Britain in 2025, BBC analysis shows.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Consumer health predictions 2026	Food	AHDB	Research	01/01/2026		UK consumers want healthier lifestyles, but cost, confusion and convenience limit eating well. In 2026 more will cut ultra-processed foods, boost protein/fibre and exercise. GLP-1 weight loss drug use may increase demand for lean protein like red meat, dairy and eggs.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Flood resilience in England	Water	EAC	Report	23/12/2025		Urges stronger national leadership, statutory duties for resilience, fairer funding, catchment-based planning, and wider use of nature-based solutions to protect rural communities, farmland, and infrastructure from growing climate and flooding pressures; govt response supports <b>greater use of nature-based solutions</b> , increasing funding and removing barriers so natural flood management counts more toward defence projects, and integrating catchment-scale planning and multi-benefit approaches that benefit land managers and wider ecosystems.	<a href="#">Here</a> and govt response <a href="#">here</a>
Animal Welfare Strategy	Farming	DEFRA	Strategy	22/12/2025		Sets out how the Govt will deliver on a move away from confinement systems for pigs and chickens, ban CO2 use in pig slaughter and promote the use of slow growing chicken breeds, plus a ban on trail hunting and a new close season for hares. Considers climate adaptation needs for welfare and also more visible enforcement. Objective is for all farmed animals to "have a life worth living" and for as many as possible to have "a good life". Acknowledges consumer demand for fair treatment of animals in trade deals; commits to promoting the importance of high animal welfare standards in bilateral and international relations.	Press release <a href="#">here</a> and Strategy <a href="#">here</a>
Changes to Permitted Development Rights - Wales	Economy	Welsh Govt	Consultation response	19/12/2025		Welsh Government responses support expanded permitted development for temporary camping (up to 60 days), while protections remain in National Parks. Planned EV charger and heat-pump rights may also reduce planning barriers.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Dairy Roadmap survey	Farming	Dairy Roadmap	Consultation	19/12/2025	14/01/2026	The Dairy Roadmap is inviting colleagues from across the sector to take part in a short survey to understand what matters most on farm.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Introducing a new method for measuring the income of farming households	Farming	DEFRA	Research and Analysis	18/12/2025		Proposes a new measure of Farm Household Earnings to improve monitoring of economic welfare of farming households; will include principal's share of drawings, wages paid from farm and off-farm income, although old methodologies will be retained for comparison	
Nature Restoration Fund: Implementation plan	Environment	DEFRA/MHCLG/NE	Policy Paper	18/12/2025		Explains the process for how Natural England will design and implement the NRF: developing Environmental Delivery Plans, setting developer contributions, engaging locally, pooling payments, delivering and monitoring strategic habitat restoration, with initial focus on nutrient mitigation from 2026.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Nature Restoration Fund: early information for nature markets and the wider sector	Environment	DEFRA	Blog	18/12/2025		Outlines how the Nature Restoration Fund will pool developer payments to drive demand for large-scale habitat creation, and gives nature-market suppliers early clarity on demand, standards and delivery opportunities across England.	<a href="#">Here</a>

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Reynolds: Farmers central to Britain's food security, rural economy and countryside	Farming	DEFRA	Press release	18/12/2025		In response to the Batters Review, government says British farming is essential for food security, the rural economy and countryside stewardship. It's launching a Farming and Food Partnership Board to strengthen production, boost profitability, improve supply chains and unlock investment so farm businesses can grow, invest and plan with more stability.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Farming Profitability Review	Farming	Baroness Batters	Independent Report	18/12/2025		Makes 57 recommendations to improve farming profitability	<a href="#">Here</a>
Planning and Infrastructure Bill becomes law	Land use	MHCLG	Press release	18/12/2025		Landmark planning reforms passed to speed up planning decisions, reduce delays and legal challenges, and streamline infrastructure delivery, affecting housing, energy, roads and environmental mitigation projects.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) Act 2025 becomes law	Farming	DEFRA	Press release	18/12/2025		Dog attacks on livestock now carry unlimited fines in England and Wales, giving farmers stronger legal protection and powers to prevent and respond to dogs harming farm animals.	<a href="#">Here</a>
First year of wildcat restoration hailed a big success	Environment	NatureScot	Research	17/12/2025		Wildcat reintroduction in Scotland saw 95 % survival of released cats and successful breeding in the wild during its first year, showing captive-breeding and release can help restore this critically endangered species	<a href="#">Here</a>
Marine Recovery Fund launched	Land use	DEFRA	Press release	17/12/2025		New Fund enables developers of offshore wind projects to pay into a central fund delivering meaningful environmental improvements to offset damage from wind farms	<a href="#">Here</a>
Review of discounting in the Green Book: Terms of Reference	Economy	HMT	Policy Paper	16/12/2025		Commissions an academic review of how the Green Book discount rate values future costs and benefits, exploring adjustments for long-term projects; lower rates could boost the present value of environmental investments, making habitat and climate projects more viable. To report by June 2026.	<a href="#">Here</a>
National Planning Policy Framework: proposed reforms and other changes to the planning system	Housing	MHCLG	Consultation	16/12/2025	10/03/2026	Proposes a substantial revision of the status and structure of the NPPF to support delivery of planning objectives, with 12 key policy changes including a 'default yes' to urban densification, homes around stations and certain growth focussed factors, including for agricultural modernisation and rural development, and to conserve and enhance nature.	Consultation <a href="#">here</a> and draft NPPF <a href="#">here</a>
Reduce, restore, replace – an approach to creating farm-level circularity	Farming	Wildlife and Countryside Link	Research paper	15/12/2025		Calls for farm-level circularity by reducing harmful external inputs, restoring natural processes (like soil health and nutrient cycling), and replacing with sustainable alternatives. Policy asks include maintaining/increasing ELMS funding, phasing out damaging pesticides and agriplastics, boosting nature-friendly practices, and better nutrient regulation to cut pollution and strengthen resilience.	
Major milestone: NCEA publishes new datasets on England's environment	Environment	DEFRA	Research and Analysis	15/12/2025		First release of datasets from the NCEA's baseline survey of natural assets	Datasets <a href="#">here</a> and blog <a href="#">here</a>
Farmers lead the next wave of greener, smarter farming	Farming	DEFRA	Press release	15/12/2025		£2.3 million from the first round of the ADOPT Fund has been awarded to 30 farmer-led trials testing greener, smarter farming methods including lower-emission machinery, digital tools and peat-free compost	<a href="#">Here</a>
OFC Report 2026 - Grasping the Opportunities	Farming	OFC	Report	15/12/2025		Urges UK agriculture to adopt a mission-led, opportunity-driven mindset, embrace innovation, boost resilience and profitability, manage risk dynamically, and reposition farming as an investible, adaptable sector.	<a href="#">Here</a>
DEFRA departmental overview	Economy	NAO	Report	11/12/2025		NAO recommends that DEFRA provide clearer long-term rural support, strengthen planning, and improve delivery of flood defences, water quality, nature recovery, and farming initiatives to secure sustainable, resilient rural outcomes.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Major potato pest eradicated from UK	Farming	DEFRA	Press release	11/12/2025		Colorado Beetle eradicated from the UK	<a href="#">Here</a> and APHA blog <a href="#">here</a>
Combinable Crops Consultation	Farming	DEFRA	Consultation	10/12/2025	08/02/2026	Uses the fair dealing powers under the Ag Act 2020 to explore current contractual practices in the cereals sector across the UK	<a href="#">Here</a>
There's a better way to fund landscape restoration than Nature Credits	Green Finance	Green Alliance	Blog	04/12/2025		Sets out the case for 'nature clubs', organised on a regional basis where the members jointly benefit from the assets of the club (ie nature), removing the competitive and disaggregated element of nature credits.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Amending Scotland's Visitor Levy	Economy	Scottish Govt	News	02/12/2025		New proposals would alter the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024 to allow fixed nightly fees, variable by area and time of year. Bill to be introduced in 2026.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Common Biomass Sustainability Framework	Environment	DESNZ	Consultation	02/12/2025	27/02/2026	Consultation on a stronger, cross-sector biomass sustainability framework to ensure biomass remains genuinely sustainable, aligned with latest evidence, and supported by robust monitoring, reporting and verification to maintain confidence and support net-zero goals.	<a href="#">Here</a>

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Biodiversity Indicators 2025	Environment	JNCC	Statistics	02/12/2025		Shows a lack of progress in halting or reversing declining biodiversity indicators in England, but some long-term recovering ones continue to make progress	<a href="#">Here</a>
CST advice on climate adaptation and resilience	Climate	Council for Science and Technology	Correspondence	01/12/2025		Letter to No 10 setting out 4 actions for Govt to take on climate adaptation, including improving spatial data on weaker areas such as agricultural yield impacts, and being explicit with citizens about residual risks.	<a href="#">Here</a>
A greener and more prosperous future with new Environmental Improvement Plan	Environment	DEFRA	News	01/12/2025		EIP announcement as well as confirmed £500mn for Landscape Recovery projects	<a href="#">Here</a>
Environmental Improvement Plan 2025	Environment	DEFRA	Policy Paper	01/12/2025		Detailed revision of the delivery plans and actions for all of DEFRA's Environment Act 2021 targets, including target by target analysis of expected contributions. Starts by embedding the EIP in Govt Missions', esp on economic growth and clean energy. Notable elements include a new Interim Target for Farmed Wildlife, showing how the farmed environment can contribute to species recovery, commitments to environmental permitting consultations for dairy and beef, water quality and abstraction reform, and restating ambitions for governance of nature markets and delivery of BNG.	Main collection of documents is <a href="#">here</a> ; EIP25 is <a href="#">here</a> ; new farm wildlife delivery plan is <a href="#">here</a>
A Good Food Strategy for the UK	Food	Green Alliance	Report	26/11/2025		9 recommendations to Govt on transformation of the food system, from procurement to development of alternative protein supply chains.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Visitor levy in England	Economy	MHCLG	Consultation	26/11/2025	18/02/2026	Proposes powers for Mayoral Strategic Authorities to impose overnight stay levies	<a href="#">Here</a>
UK Government Green Financing Framework	Green Finance	HMT	Policy Paper	26/11/2025		Sets out how the Govt will assess green investments for the purpose of its green bond programmes and commits to annual impact reporting	<a href="#">Here</a>
Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism	Climate	HMRC	Policy Paper	26/11/2025		CBAM will impose a comparable carbon price to that paid by manufacturers in the UK on highly traded, carbon intensive goods including cement, steel and fertiliser imported into the UK from 1/1/2027	<a href="#">Here</a> and draft legislation <a href="#">here</a>
What are the changes to Agricultural Property Relief?	Economy	HMT	News	26/11/2025		Budget day clarification on the new ability to pass £1mn relief between spouses	<a href="#">Here</a>
The Past Harvests Project	Land use	Exeter University	Project	25/11/2025		Project will use historic maps and records to look at the impact of previous land use transformations (enclosures etc) to inform current thinking on sustainability	<a href="#">Here</a>
87% of bathing waters rated 'excellent' or 'good'	Water	Environment Agency	News	25/11/2025		Environment Agency 2025 bathing water classifications for 449 designated bathing sites in England show that 87% meet standards for 'Excellent' or 'Good' classification.	<a href="#">Here</a> and statistics <a href="#">here</a>
Soft drinks levy extended	Food	DEFRA	News	24/11/2025		Soft drinks levy will be extended to cover more products, including sugary milk-based drinks.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Second Chief Regulator report	Environment	Environment Agency	Report	21/11/2025		Accounts for the performance of three key sectors that the EA regulates in the last year and sets out a vision for how the EA will regulate waste, water and agriculture in the years to 2030. Notes that the trend is for serious pollution incidents from dairy farming to be getting worse, accounting for 12% of all serious incidents in 2024. Satellite and drone data will be used to target high risks.	Press release <a href="#">here</a> and document pack <a href="#">here</a>
UK Critical Minerals Strategy	Land use	DBT	Policy Paper	21/11/2025		Sets out a framework to exploit UK produced critical minerals including lithium, from mining and recycling, ensuring that the UK is not dependent on any one export source for more than 60% of domestic needs	<a href="#">Here</a> and Strategy <a href="#">here</a>
Rt Hon Emma Reynolds MP speech to CLA conference	Farming	DEFRA	Speech	20/11/2025		Three themes: Unlocking rural growth; Backing farmers to improve profitability; and providing the stability and clarity businesses need to invest with confidence. No policy announcements, but refers to a partnership approach with industry	<a href="#">Here</a>
UK's largest biochar production plant to open in Wiltshire	Climate	News	News	19/11/2025		The site will produce enough biochar to offset the emissions of 6000 homes	<a href="#">Here</a>
UK-EU trade: towards a resilient border strategy (Government Response)	Food	DEFRA	Response	19/11/2025		Response to EFRA report on Border Security, accepts the majority of recommendations and demonstrates a commitment to improving the current model whilst acknowledging that the SPS reset is impacting on progress.	<a href="#">Here</a>
SoS speech to the FDF conference	Economy	DEFRA	Speech	19/11/2025		Announced measures to tackle tariffs on non-domestic produce imports and food price inflation	<a href="#">Here</a>
Changes to APR and BPR for inheritance tax	Economy	House of Commons	Research Briefing	18/11/2025		Helpful summary of the current status and planned changes to APR and BPR for rural estates, ahead of the Budget	<a href="#">Here</a>
Work in Progress - resilience of the UK food supply chain to disruptions	Food	NAO	Work in progress	17/11/2025		Following food being included as Critical National Infrastructure, this report will look at whether DEFRA is taking action to ensure that the agri-food supply chain is resilient, Report expected Summer 2026.	<a href="#">Here</a>

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Tesco calls for national framework on farm data to bolster UK food security – with investment in new data baselining programme	Environment	Tesco	News	17/11/2025		Tesco takes support for environmental baselining to more than £1.5m with new Sustainable Farming Programme for hundreds of farmers, announcing partnership with Soil Association Exchange.	<a href="#">Here</a>
The Future of Rural Communities	Economy	Fibrus	Report	17/11/2025		Sponsored report written by futurist Tom Cheesewright, predicts that WFH will be normalised by ongoing investment in connectivity, ag continues to become data-driven, and rural communities become tourism hotspots	<a href="#">Here</a>
Environmental sustainability and housing growth	Land use	EAC	Report	16/11/2025		Nature is not the blocker, but a lack of cross-government policy alignment, fragmented data systems, and a dearth of ecological, planning and construction skills, are. Recommends govt publish its environmental impact statements on the NPPF, engages in better cross-departmental working and data sharing, and explicitly aligns its spatial planning frameworks including the Land Use Framework. It also rejects exempting small sites from BNG.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Towards a fairer property tax	Economy	IPPR	Blog	13/11/2025		Proposes scrapping council tax and stamp duty, replacing them with a proportional annual property tax based on up-to-date market and land values, so those benefiting most from rising land wealth pay more.	<a href="#">Here</a>
ALAN disrupts ecosystem function	Environment	Cranfield	News	13/11/2025		Artificial light at night (ALAN) has been shown to disrupt the carbon cycle of ecosystems, resulting in higher emissions. Minimising ALAN would have co-benefits for nature and human health.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Agricultural reform: environmental report - strategic environmental assessment	Environment	Scottish Govt	Report	12/11/2025		Assess that Agricultural Reform plan will strongly benefit biodiversity, peatland restoration, and water quality in targeted areas compared to status quo, while also reducing emissions and improving soils, though overall impacts depend on adoption and time.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Biosecurity threats at Britain's borders cannot wait for Government to conclude SPS negotiations, warns EFRA Committee	Farming	EFRA	Response	11/11/2025		Govt response to EFRA inquiry on biosecurity suggests that changes will have to wait until SPS agreement reached; EFRA warns that this could be too late	<a href="#">Here</a>
Small Grants for Village Halls	Economy	ACRE	Policy	10/11/2025		Small grants available from DEFRA £1000-£5000 for match-funding projects in village halls	<a href="#">Here</a>
Proposals for an approach to the UK Local Growth Fund in Wales	Economy	Welsh Govt	Consultation	07/11/2025	19/12/2025	Wales plans a £547 million Local Growth Fund (2026-29) to boost rural jobs, green energy, infrastructure, tourism and skills — targeting productivity and inequality across its rural communities.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Draft Climate Change Plan	Climate	Scottish Govt	Consultation	06/11/2025	29/01/2026	Plans to reduce farm emissions, restore peatlands and woodlands, promote low-carbon farming, and support crofters and rural communities with green skills, renewable energy, and sustainable land use to create jobs.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Natural England's Strategy: Recovering Nature for Growth, Health and Security	Environment	Natural England	Report	06/11/2025		Natural England's revised approach aims to support alignment across policies and actions, empower local decision-making, streamline regulation and drive investment in nature.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Resilience to threats from animal disease	Farming	PAC	Report	05/11/2025		Warns that DEFRA and APHA are under-prepared for severe or simultaneous animal disease outbreaks. Key risks: vet shortages, outdated tracing systems, weak border checks, and no long-term vaccine or biosecurity strategy.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Land Reform Bill	Land use	Scottish Govt	News	05/11/2025		Landmark legislation approved to help create new small landholdings to increase farming opportunities and modernise agricultural tenancy law.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Mayfield Report: "Keep Britain Working"	Economy	HMGovt	Independent Report	05/11/2025		The review warns rising long-term sickness is shrinking the workforce and harming rural economies. It calls for stronger workplace health support, earlier intervention, and joint action by employers, services and government to keep people in work.	<a href="#">Here</a>
HFSS laid in Scottish parliament	Food	Scottish Govt	Regulation	03/11/2025		Bans certain less-healthy foods and drinks from being promoted or placed in prominent retail positions.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Protecting trees from mammal damage: technical guidance	Environment	Forestry Commission	Guidance	30/10/2025		Find out how to identify mammal damage to trees, understand the impact and practical ways to protect our treescapes.	<a href="#">Here</a>
UK shoppers would pay billions more for high-welfare meat	Food	University of Reading	Research	30/10/2025		Shoppers' stated willingness to pay more for high-welfare meat suggests strong public support, highlighting that government and industry policies promoting animal welfare could be economically justified and effective.	<a href="#">Here</a>
UK Methane Action Plan	Climate	UK Govt	Policy Paper	29/10/2025		Part of the 2025 report to CCC, notes that farming is the main UK methane source; the plan targets ag emissions through improved feed, storage, technology and incentives, alongside cuts from waste and energy sectors, but doesn't substantially change existing policy	<a href="#">Here</a>

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Carbon Budget and growth delivery plan	Climate	UKK Govt	Policy Paper	29/10/2025		Series of documents published in line with CCA2008 obligations showing actions to meet current and future carbon budgets. Press release noteworthy for focussing on costs, jobs and legacy, highlighting the political sensitivity of NZ. The plan reinforces that agriculture and land-use will face heightened scrutiny under the next carbon budgets, with lower uptake assumptions for low-carbon practices on farms. It signals increased funding for land-based interventions (restoration, nature-based solutions) but with revised down targets for peatland, woodland and tree-planting.	Press release <a href="#">here</a> and document pack <a href="#">here</a>
2025 Progress Report to Parliament in Adapting to Climate Change	Climate	UK Govt	Policy Paper	29/10/2025		Govt affirms the need to accelerate adaptation to climate change, outlines actions across land, nature, infrastructure, health, economy and international collaboration, and commits to stronger targets, coordination and funding mechanisms.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Implementation of Bovine EID in Wales	Farming	Welsh Govt	News	28/10/2025		Wales adopts low frequency EID, in line with England	<a href="#">Here</a>
Call for independent review on waste crime	Environment	ECCC	Report	28/10/2025		HoL ECCC calls for an independent review of waste crime following a short investigation, including reforms to EA powers and a study into impact of landfill taxes	<a href="#">Here</a>
Trillions of insects fly above the UK – but radar reveals night species are vanishing	Environment	Rothamsted	Research	27/10/2025		Insect mass known as ‘Bioscatter’ detected and measured by weather radar shows decline in night-flying species, linked to intensive agriculture and light pollution	<a href="#">Here</a>
Future Farming Investment Scheme top up	Farming	Scottish Govt	News	27/10/2025		Additional £7mn added to FFIS, taking total to £21mn	<a href="#">Here</a>
Regulation Action Plan update	Economy	UK Govt	Report	27/10/2025		6 month update on the RAP - notes progress on a lot of regulatory reform intended to drive £5.6bn growth; backs environmental permitting reform, implementation of the Corry review and efforts to improve the regulatory performance of DEFRA on water, EA and NE issues.	<a href="#">Here</a>
New common-sense approach to environmental regulation to support new homes drive	Environment	DEFRA/EA	News	27/10/2025		Signals that low-risk construction and development activities—such as site investigations, drainage works and inert waste storage—could now bypass full environmental permits, cutting delays (up to 16 weeks) and cost (£360 average) to speed new housing and infrastructure.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Drought Preparedness	Water	ECCC	Inquiry	24/10/2025		HoL’s ECCC opens a new inquiry into drought preparedness, focus on drought management practices and policies and consider whether these are sufficient for responding to current and future droughts in England.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Government response to the OEP review of Local Nature Recovery Strategies and their role in contributing to nature recovery commitments in England.	Environment	Defra	Policy Paper	22/10/2025		The government accepts the OEP’s <a href="#">recommendations</a> on Local Nature Recovery Strategies, commits to earlier publication of all strategies, defining their role in national recovery, setting governance and funding frameworks, integrating them into planning, improving spatial data, and mandating regular reviews.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Launch of updated Green Infrastructure mapping database	Environment	Natural England	News	22/10/2025		The relaunched database (v2.2) improves accessibility, adds updated urban habitat data and a new “naturalness” layer, helping assess green space quality and guide better planning and environmental decisions.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Future Farming Investment Scheme	Farming	Scottish Govt	News	22/10/2025		The Scottish Government has increased funding for the Future Farming Investment Scheme after high demand, expanding grant support for climate-friendly, efficient, nature-positive agricultural investments.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Species Recovery Programme: call for ideas funding opportunity	Environment	Natural England	Guidance	22/10/2025		The Species Recovery Programme is seeking ambitious, achievable conservation ideas by 2 November 2025 to support England’s threatened species via targeted actions or R&D (2026–2029), with funding from £10,000 to £1.5 million.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Consumer trust in British farming reaches record high	Farming	AHDB	News	22/10/2025		Consumer confidence in UK agriculture is at a seven-year high, with 77 % seeing farming as trustworthy, and growing interest and trust across sectors—especially among younger consumers.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Challenges and choices – a consultation on Wales’s significant water management issues	Water	NRW	Consultation	21/10/2025	16/01/2026	Signals that rural-area pressures (e.g., agricultural runoff, physical water-course changes, drought/flood risk) will shape the next river basin plan in Wales. Preparedness for tighter water regulation, catchment-scale coordination and natural-capital responses becomes more crucial.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Draft Circular Economy Strategy	Environment	Scottish Govt	Consultation	21/10/2025	13/01/2026	This consultation invites views on the suggested priorities outlined to transition to a more circular economy which will drive sustainable growth, increase supply-chain resilience, create jobs and encourage innovation while tackling the twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss.	<a href="#">Here</a>
New support for Rural Pubs	Economy	DBT	News	18/10/2025		£440,000 dedicated to support rural pubs in diversifying their services—enabling ventures like community cafés, village stores and play areas. For every £1 invested, research shows over £8 in social value is generated.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Peatland Restoration Grant rd 2	Land use	NRW	News	15/10/2025		Round 2 of the PRG launched in Wales, giving land owners access to £700k in funding for peatland restoration.	<a href="#">Here</a>

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The Roadmap for Resilience: A UK Food Plan for 2050	Food	AFN Network+	Report	15/10/2025		Warns the UK food system needs unprecedented transformation: stronger, climate-resilient farming, smarter land use, and healthier diets. Urgent government action is needed to secure food security and reduce emissions.	<a href="#">Here</a>
CCC letter to DEFRA on climate adaptation	Climate	CCC	Correspondence	15/10/2025		CCC urges the UK Government to adopt urgent, measurable, time-bound adaptation objectives – by 2050 at the latest – capable of preparing for at least 2 °C warming, and even planning for up to 4 °C.	<a href="#">Here</a>
CS Mid-tier agreements extended	Farming	DEFRA	News	15/10/2025		Following extensive lobbying, CSMT agreements that were due to expire on 31/12/25 have been rolled over for a year, pending the re-opening of SFI.	<a href="#">Here</a>
‘Pro-growth’ reform package to Planning & Infrastructure Bill announced	Housing	MHCLG	News	14/10/2025		Proposes sweeping reforms to PIB, granting ministers powers to override local council planning refusals, fast-track reservoirs and wind farms, and streamline Natural England’s role in planning.	
Flood and coastal erosion risk management funding policy	Water	DEFRA	Consultation response and policy paper	14/10/2025		The updated funding policy simplifies England’s flood and coastal erosion schemes by prioritising value-for-money, enabling 100% funding for refurbishments, full funding up to £3 million for new projects (90% above), and boosting investment in natural flood management and local project choice.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Thousands of Welsh farms receive advance payments	Farming	Welsh Govt	News	14/10/2025		More than 15,500 claimants will receive the BPS advance which is worth approximately 70 per cent of their estimated claim value.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Fertiliser use can boost soil carbon lock up	Farming	Rothamsted	Report	14/10/2025		Long-term trials (since 1843) at Rothamsted show that applying both nitrogen and phosphorus fertilisers boosts soil organic carbon by up to 28% versus no fertiliser.	<a href="#">Here</a>
UK’s largest solar farm approved	Land use	BBC	News	14/10/2025		The Tillbridge Solar project, which would cover around 3,000 acres (1,214 hectares), is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, meaning the decision to allow the plan is determined by the government.	<a href="#">Here</a> and <a href="#">Gov here</a>
Novel and Under-utilised crop network launched	Food	University of Southampton	News	14/10/2025		NUCNet, a £645,000 BBSRC-funded network uniting UK researchers to advance climate-resilient, underutilised crops like lentils, chickpeas, and sunflowers, aiming to strengthen sustainable food systems, diversify agriculture, and secure future food supplies.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Tories pledge to scrap NZ legislation	Climate	BBC	News	02/10/2025		Will scrap CCA2008 if elected and replace with a plan for “cheap and reliable” energy	<a href="#">Here</a>
UK broccoli and potato trials test low carbon methods	Farming	Tesco	News	01/10/2025		Produce from Tesco’s low-carbon methods trial in broccoli and potato production now available in store, using methods such as peat-free soils, cover cropping and low-carbon fertilisers – yields are comparable to conventional approaches.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Publication of Sustainable Farming Scheme (SFS) Business Case and Evidence Base	Farming	Welsh Govt	Evidence	30/09/2025		Wales has released the Sustainable Farming Scheme evidence base, including the business case, impact assessment and economic modelling. It shows the scheme promises better social, environmental and economic outcomes than current support, backed by £238 m for universal payments and £102 m for optional/collaborative layers.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Strategic land reallocation enhances carbon sequestration and biodiversity protection without compromising agricultural productivity in Great Britain	Land use	Nature	Research	29/09/2025		The study mapped every 500 m patch in Great Britain and finds that with careful land reallocation, carbon storage and biodiversity can be boosted without reducing agricultural output. Converting some lower-yield pastures or marginal lands into semi-natural habitats or broadleaved woodlands yields strong synergies, as long as the least productive areas are targeted.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Tenant Farming Commissioner announced	Farming	DEFRA	News	26/09/2025		Alan Laidlaw announced as the new Tenant Farming Commissioner	<a href="#">Here</a> and <a href="#">guidance here</a>
Nature Returns Summary Report	Environment	Natural England	Report	26/09/2025		Programme aimed to examine how the twin biodiversity and climate crises could be tackled together through evidence of the impact of nature based solutions.	<a href="#">Here</a>
The Seventh Carbon Budget	Climate	EAC	Inquiry	23/09/2025		New inquiry will explore the impact of net zero on household budgets, and the assumptions used in the CCC’s modelling	<a href="#">Here</a>
Reform of Compulsory Purchase Orders	Housing	MHCLG	Consultation response	19/09/2025		Consultation on CPO reform, Govt response agrees to limit hope value and introduce technical reforms	<a href="#">Here</a>
Climate inequity in natural flood management solutions	Green finance	University of Lincoln	Research	19/09/2025		Reveals that competitive funding schemes designed to support nature-based solutions (NbS) for flood management may be unintentionally deepening inequalities – with deprived communities at greater flood risk missing out on crucial protection.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Visitor levy launched in Wales	Economy	Welsh govt	News	18/09/2025		The new Visitor Levy Bill has been given Royal Assent, gives Welsh councils the choice to introduce a small charge on overnight stays, with all funds reinvested locally to support tourism.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Wales’ new National Park proposal	Environment	NRW	Consultation	15/09/2025	08/12/2025	Over the last two years, NRW has been evaluating the case for a new National Park in Wales.	<a href="#">Here</a>

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EFRA finds commercial animal and plant imports system is 'inadequate' as banned products pass border unchecked	Food	EFRA	News	15/09/2025		The report highlights numerous problems with the effective operations of commercial border controls.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Govt takes action to protect bees from pesticides	Environment	DEFRA	News	12/09/2025		Health and Safety Executive has published new guidance for emergency authorisations of pesticides. These changes clarify and strengthen existing guidance to take full account of the risks posed to pollinators.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Brand advertising restrictions for less healthy food and drink	Food	DHSC	Consultation response	12/09/2025		Advertising restrictions for less healthy food or drink on television and online will take effect UK-wide on 5 January 2026.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier launched	Environment	DEFRA	Funding	10/09/2025		CSHT opened for applicants who have had pre-approval	<a href="#">Here</a>
UK and Brazil sign partnership on fertiliser sustainability	Environment	DEFRA/FCDO	News	10/09/2025		The UK and Brazil have launched a partnership to tackle the environmental impact of fertilisers and boost the resilience of our food production.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Climate and Weather Resilience	Environment	EFRA	Inquiry	09/09/2025		This long-term inquiry will examine how well the UK is preparing for and responding to environmental and weather-related risks. It will explore the effectiveness of national strategies, the integration of resilience into wider planning and investment decisions, and the adequacy of current systems to protect people, places and nature	<a href="#">Here</a>
Burning banned on England's deep peat to protect wildlife	Environment	DEFRA	News	09/09/2025		Govt to extend the ban on burning vegetation on deep peat as part of new plans to protect both the environment and public health	News <a href="#">here</a> and consultation response <a href="#">here</a>
Biosecurity at the Border	Food	EFRA	Special Report	08/09/2025		Animal disease risks are rising, and illegal meat and dairy imports pose threats to public health, food security and trade. EFRA urges quarterly publication of seizure data, improved enforcement powers for port health authorities, and broader public awareness campaigns to curb the crisis.	<a href="#">Here</a>
UK Dairy Carbon Network	Farming	AHDB	News	07/09/2025		New DEFRA funded partnership launched with over 50 UK dairy farms to implement and assess practical, farm-ready solutions for reducing greenhouse gas emissions	<a href="#">Here</a>
New DEFRA Secretary and Farming Minister	Environment	HMGovt	News	06/09/2025		Emma Reynolds replaces Steve Reed and Angela Eagle replaces Daniel Zeichner	<a href="#">Here</a> and <a href="#">here</a>
Pitch MPs an environment inquiry: EAC opens calls for proposals	Environment	EAC	News	05/09/2025		The Environment in Focus' inquiry will consider proposals for the next topic the Committee should explore. Up to 10 individuals will be invited to pitch their ideas to MPs in a public session.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Bovine tuberculosis Godfray evidence review update 2025	Farming	DEFRA	Policy Paper	04/09/2025		Presented as an edited update of the 2018 report, recommends measures to tackle BTb including more sensitive SICT testing; extending six-monthly testing across all Edge Zones; using stricter pre- and post-movement tests; and piloting Test-Vaccinate-Remove (TVR) for badgers.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Review of Agricultural Tenancies	Farming	Law Commission	Review	04/09/2025		Following on from Rock Review, formal review will assess whether existing law balances tenant security, landlord confidence, and access for new entrants; whether it enables diversification and sustainable farming; supports landlord-tenant collaboration; and avoids technical barriers affecting practice, investment, and viability of farm businesses.	<a href="#">Here</a>
MESH Supply Chain Resilience Report 2025	Economy	BSI	Report	04/09/2025		Using BSI's MESH approach, research found that supply chains remain unprepared for known increasing shocks and reveals a clear gap between intent and implementation when it comes to supply chain resilience,	<a href="#">Here</a>
Major reform of Welsh meat promotion needed	Farming	Senedd	News	03/09/2025		The Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee is calling on the Welsh Government to take decisive action at Hybu Cig Cymru – Meat Promotion Wales (HCC) - including a full review of HCC's governance and ownership, and the potential return of control to the Welsh meat industry.	<a href="#">Here</a> and report <a href="#">here</a>
Future of Farming report: Govt response	Farming	EFRA	Special Report	03/09/2025		Responds to EFRA's report from 16/5/25: recommendations on improving clarity of vision and communications were accepted, but actions on SFI closure and IHT changes are defended.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Review of Permitted Development Rights in Scotland	Housing	Holyrood	Consultation	03/09/2025	27/10/2025	Proposes changes to existing PDRs for agricultural building conversions and new PDRs for rural homes, heat pumps and small-scale homes	<a href="#">Here</a>
Unpacking Rural Racism: towards an inclusive countryside	Economy	Centre for Hate Studies	Report	03/09/2025		In-depth study into rural racism makes a number of recommendations to develop the diversity and economic wellbeing of rural communities.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Business Investment in Nature: Supporting UK resilience and growth	Green Finance	WWF/GFI	Report	29/08/2025		Using case studies, makes the case for investment into nature by growth-priority sectors, noting that failure to act on climate and nature risks GDP, and that investment can be a driver for growth.	<a href="#">Here</a>

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Quantifying the Environmental Risks from Pig and Poultry Production	Environment	Wildlife Trusts	Report	29/08/2025		Explores UK-based environmental risks from food produced in intensive pig and poultry units across a range of environmental factors, including from the agricultural area used for feed.	<a href="#">Here</a>
The economic impact of the English red meat sector	Farming	AHDB	Report	28/08/2025		£5.5bn GVA contributed to the economy in 2023	<a href="#">Here</a>
Streamlined regulation to power growth and boost British industry	Environment	DEFRA	Consultation	26/08/2025		Britain's industrial and energy sectors are set to benefit from a new, modernised environmental permitting regime – with greater flexibility, faster timelines and less red tape poised to boost innovation and drive economic growth.	News <a href="#">here</a> and consultation <a href="#">here</a>
Scotland's peatlands to get £20mn health boost	Environment	NatureScot	News	25/08/2025		Scotland secures its highest-ever peatland restoration funding—over £20 million across three years (including nearly £15 million in 2025/26)—to revive 12,000 ha of degraded peatland, create 400 green jobs, and accelerate natural recovery and climate resilience.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Energy Usage on Farms	Farming	UK Govt	Statistics	21/08/2025		In 2023/24, 98% of farms used red diesel with usage per ha increasing with farm size; 32% generated renewable energy—mostly rooftop solar, driven by grants. 20% had completed carbon audits, led by dairy farms (57%), mainly to cut energy costs.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Net Zero Technology Outlook	Farming	Government Office for Science	Research and Analysis	21/08/2025		Outlines priority technologies across five major emitting sectors inc ag, assessing their readiness and certainty. For ag and land use, "wildcard" technologies are highlighted: novel, low-certainty yet potentially transformative innovations that could redefine the UK's net-zero pathway.	<a href="#">Here</a>
£6mn for Scotland's environment	Environment	Scottish Govt	News	21/08/2025		Additional funding announced for NatureScot and 3 National Park projects	<a href="#">Here</a>
Extra border checks cancelled ahead of UK-EU deal	Farming	DEFRA	News	18/08/2025		In a win for traders, the government is suspending the introduction of extra border checks on live animal imports from the EU, and on specific animal and plant goods from Ireland, to support British businesses and ease trade ahead of its new SPS (sanitary and phytosanitary) deal with the EU.	<a href="#">Here</a>
IHT reforms largely protects family farms but could be better targeted	Economy	CenTax	Report	14/08/2025		Report into APR reforms uses detailed data to look at the predicted impact of changes, suggests a mixed picture - 49% of all impacted farm estates would see a tax increase of <5 percentage points (pp). All of the 25 farm estates per year facing an increase larger than 15pp are valued at over £7.5 million. 86% of impacted farm estates could pay their entire IHT bill out of non-farm assets, leaving around 70 farm estates per year that could not. The report makes recommendations to enable the tax to be better targeted at limiting wealth sheltering.	<a href="#">Here</a> and FT write up <a href="#">here</a>
Paul Kissack named as new PS at DEFRA	Economy	DEFRA	News	13/08/2025		Ex CEO at Joseph Rowntree Foundation appointed as new Permanent Secretary at DEFRA	<a href="#">Here</a>
National Drought Group declares a Nationally Significant Incident	Water	DEFRA	News	11/08/2025		Five areas of England are officially in drought, with six more experiencing prolonged dry weather following the driest six months to July since 1976.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Supporting Scotland's transition - land use and agriculture	Land use	Scottish Govt	Consultation	06/08/2025	05/10/2025	Consultation on the Land Use and Agriculture Just Transition Plan seeks feedback on Scotland's vision, outcomes, and objectives to guide government support for a fair, sustainable net zero transition.	Consultation <a href="#">here</a>
Scotland's Fourth Land Use Strategy	Land use	Scottish Govt	Consultation	06/08/2025	05/10/2025	Sets out proposed approach to the next LUS and asks for feedback on this	<a href="#">Here</a>
Working Together: update to river basin management plans	Water	Environment Agency	Consultation response	06/08/2025		Consultation responses asked for better alignment of governance and policy, implementation and funding, and improvement in engagement. This will be used to develop the next round of consultation on RBMPs	Original consultation <a href="#">Here</a> and response <a href="#">here</a>
Consultation on 2027-32 Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (ENRA) Research Strategy	Land use	Scottish Govt	Consultation	05/08/2025	24/10/2025	A draft strategy for the Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (ENRA) Research Programme from 2027-32 is available for public consultation. The programme covers a broad range of issues critical to Scotland's environmental and agricultural futures	<a href="#">Here</a>
New version of Woodland Carbon Code launch	Green finance	Scottish Forestry	News	01/08/2025		Version 3 incorporates insights from recent research and consultation feedback and aligns with national and international frameworks	<a href="#">Here</a>
£150mn in farming grants successfully allocated	Farming	Defra	News	01/08/2025		Confirms Capital Grants now closed, announces that £2bn will go in ELMS funding by 28/29	<a href="#">Here</a>
Total Income from Farming 2024	Farming	Defra	Statistics	31/07/2025		TIFF in England in 2024 was £5.3 billion, +£1.0 billion/+22.5% from 2023. (Inputs down £0.9 billion, outputs up £0.1 billion). Agriculture's contribution to England's economy (Gross Value Added at basic prices) was £10.7 billion, an increase of £1.0 billion (+9.9%) from 2023.	<a href="#">Here</a>
National standards for sustainable drainage systems (SuDS)	Land use	DEFRA	Guidance	30/07/2025		The non-statutory standards help design, maintain and operate surface water drainage systems for: new developments; and retrofit SuDS	<a href="#">Here</a>

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EFRA Committee publishes its priorities for the year ahead	Environment	EFRA	News	29/07/2025		Includes scrutinising the Good Food Strategy, biosecurity at the border, the Farm Profitability Review, to start work on skills and careers, and to launch a long-term inquiry into weather and climate change	<a href="#">Here</a>
Foot and Mouth disease control strategy	Farming	Defra	Policy Paper	24/07/2025		Describes how an outbreak would be managed, and also precautions to avoid an outbreak	<a href="#">Here</a>
Natural Capital and Ecosystem Assessment (NCEA) programme	Environment	Defra	Policy Paper	23/07/2025		Sets out how NCEA will deliver natural capital monitoring as a national strategic capability, including a baseline of natural assets by 2029	<a href="#">Here</a>
Improving the visibility of distributed energy assets	Economy	DESNZ	Call for evidence	23/07/2025	10/09/2025	Asset visibility refers to the ability to identify and understand the capacity, location, and use of devices that generate, store, or consume energy such as electric vehicle chargepoints, solar panel installations, heat pumps and domestic-scale electricity storage batteries.	<a href="#">Here</a>
The role of natural capital in the green economy - Government response	Green Finance	DEFRA	Report	22/07/2025		Government adds £10m for local authorities to enforce BNG, review on-site BNG by May 2027, pledges BNG register (Feb 2026), launches nature finance standard, expands Protected Site Strategy, reaffirms BNG and nature market policy.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Making Wood Work for Wales	Environment	Senedd	Policy Paper	22/07/2025		Wales' first Timber Industrial Strategy launched, aims to increase both the scale and value of timber grown and timber products produced across Wales	<a href="#">Here</a> and <a href="#">strategy here</a>
Animal Sentience Committee letter regarding food labelling policy	Farming	Animal Sentience Committee	Correspondence	22/07/2025		ASC commits to promote the effective use of food labelling to support value-driven purchasing in light of trade deals	<a href="#">Here</a>
Nitrate Vulnerable Zones Action Programme review	Farming	Scottish Govt	Consultation	21/07/2025	13/10/2025	Review the measures in the current Nitrate Vulnerable Zones Action Programme to evaluate whether they remain sufficient to achieve the aims of the Nitrates Directive.	<a href="#">Here</a>
How can the world feed itself?	Food	Science, Innovation & Tech Committee	Inquiry	21/07/2025		Innovative solutions are needed to sustainably increase agricultural productivity and support global food security. This inquiry will look at the scientific innovations and low technology solutions that could do this, as well as the impact of these innovations on global agriculture.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Independent Water Commission final report	Water	IWC	Report	21/07/2025		Cunliffe Review: White paper to follow in autumn, abolishes OFWAT, focus on agricultural pollution	Report <a href="#">here</a> and Defra response <a href="#">here</a>
Integrating GHG removals in the ETS	Climate	DESNZ	Consultation response	21/07/2025		Concludes that there is now a strong case for woodland to be included in official GHG removals and commits to further consultation	<a href="#">Here</a>
Agricultural property relief and business property relief reforms	Economy	HMT	Policy Paper	21/07/2025		Sets out the evidence and impact assessment behind proposed IHT exemption changes to APR and BPR to take effect in April 2026	<a href="#">Here</a>
How can the Government tackle the obesity epidemic?	Food	Health and Social Care Committee	Inquiry	21/07/2025		In their new inquiry, the cross-party group of MPs will investigate what public health interventions have been the most effective at reducing obesity and the consumption of less healthy foods, examining why existing policies relating to food and diet have seemingly not succeeded in reducing rates of obesity.	<a href="#">Here</a>
£1.87m in funding to drive nature investment	Environment	Nature Scot	News	17/07/2025		New round of FIRNS funding launched	<a href="#">Here</a>
Nature-based solutions: Environment Agency position statement	Environment	Env Agency	Policy Paper	17/07/2025		Confirms that EA sees NbS as part of a range of tools available to it in its various roles as regulator and advisor, and to work on solving the evidence gaps that inhibit wider uptake of NbS	<a href="#">Here</a>
A government Food Strategy for England	Food	DEFRA/DfH	Policy Paper	16/07/2025		Cross-departmental, "Good Food Cycle" includes a commitment to report every year on food security metrics	Speech <a href="#">here</a> and policy paper <a href="#">here</a>
Sustainable Farming Scheme	Farming	Senedd	Scheme	15/07/2025		SFS launched	<a href="#">Here</a>
UK Green Taxonomy consultation response	Green finance	HMT	Consultation response	14/07/2025		Respondents highlighted that other policy measures were more effective at driving investment and tackling greenwashing, so govt will not be pursuing a Green Taxonomy.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Protected Landscape Targets and Outcomes Framework progress report	Environment	Defra	Policy Paper	14/07/2025		Summarises the available data (and data gaps) on the contribution of Protected Landscapes to EIP23 targets (noting these are under review)	<a href="#">Here</a>
Environmental Improvement Plan annual progress report: April 2024 to March 2025	Environment	Defra	Policy Paper	14/07/2025		Final annual progress report ahead of EIP25. Most of the report focuses on activities. In relation to data, numerous indicator gaps still exist but there have been improvements in aspects of the natural environment in 9 of the goals. There has been deterioration in other aspects of the environment in 7 of the goals. The report notes that the EIP25 will focus more on systemic interventions as theories of change.	<a href="#">Here</a>

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Unlocking benefits for people, nature and climate: Actions to jointly address climate change and biodiversity loss in England	Environment	DEFRA and DESNZ	Policy Paper	14/07/2025		Sets out what gov't is doing to promote a net zero, nature positive future, noting the importance of integrating these policy areas (as recommended by NAO). Announcements expected later this year: cross-economy net zero plan on Carbon Budgets 4-6, Land Use Framework, a Carbon Budget Growth Delivery Plan (will cover reducing ag GHG emissions), an action plan on 30by30, Strategic Spatial Energy Plan (2026)	<a href="#">Here</a>
Survey shows tremendous support for tree planting	Environment	Scottish Forestry	News	10/07/2025		In the new Public Opinion of Forestry Survey, 82% of the people interviewed said they agree or strongly agree that trees are good because they remove CO2 from the atmosphere and store it in the wood.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Toxic lead ammunition banned to protect Britain's countryside	Environment	Defra	News	10/07/2025		Restrictions on lead in ammunition	Technical announcement <a href="#">Here</a> and press release <a href="#">here</a>
Government sets out reforms to create a fair, secure, affordable and efficient electricity system	Economy	DESNZ	News	10/07/2025		Ongoing reforms to the energy system	<a href="#">Here</a>
Electricity network infrastructure: consents, land access and rights	Land use	DESNZ	Consultation	08/07/2025		Consultation on revisions to the planning system and land rights to enable building and maintenance of electricity infrastructure	<a href="#">Here</a>
10 year health plan for England	Food	DHSC	Policy Paper	03/07/2025		Sets out 3 major transformations: from hospital to community, from analogue to digital, and from sickness to prevention, plus 5 enabling shifts, to deliver an NHS fit for the future. Key elements in prevention relate to dietary-related ill health.	Exec summary <a href="#">here</a>
Draft Environment Strategy for Scotland	Environment	Environment and Forestry Directorate	Consultation	03/07/2025	25/9/25	The Environment Strategy sets out a holistic framework for delivering Scotland's role in tackling the global crises of nature loss, climate change and pollution.	Draft Strategy <a href="#">here</a> and consultation <a href="#">here</a>
Major boost to cut agricultural pollution	Farming	DEFRA	News	30/06/2025		50% more inspections each year, with EA to offer more guidance to farmers, strengthen links with supply chains and farm networks, make better use of technology like remote sensing, and take stronger action against serious or ongoing pollution.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Climate-related transition plans	Green finance	DESNZ	Consultation	25/06/2025	17/09/2025	Consults on how UK financial institutions should be developing and implementing credible transition plans	<a href="#">Here</a>
Multi-annual Great Britain control plan for pesticide residues – 2026, 2027 and 2028	Food	DEFRA	Policy Paper	25/06/2025		The co-ordinated control programme specifies particular foodstuffs to be sampled over a three year rolling programme and also includes a mandatory list of pesticides to be sought.	<a href="#">Here</a>
New climate budgets set	Climate	Scottish Govt	News	19/06/2025		Includes adopting Scotland-appropriate targets for woodland, peatland and livestock	<a href="#">Here</a>
Future Farming Investment Scheme	Farming	Scottish Govt	News	19/06/2025		The £14 million Future Farming Investment Scheme will open in July and offers flexible capital grants to support investments in efficiency, nature and climate friendly farming.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Government response to Animal Sentience Committee: report on the due regard to animal welfare – legislative compliance and enforcement	Farming	DEFRA	Policy Paper	16/06/2025		Gov't response to ASC report: acknowledges ASC request for farm licensing and notes that it is looking at this as part of Corry Review. Consultation to follow on whether to make Animal Health and Welfare visits mandatory in England.	<a href="#">Here</a>
National Framework for Water Resources 2025: water for growth, nature and a resilient future	Water	Env Agency	Policy Paper	15/06/2025		Acknowledges the critical role of water resources in economic growth and sets out strategic goals for agencies influencing water resources	Executive summary <a href="#">here</a>
Expanding the role of the private sector in nature recovery	Green finance	DEFRA	Call for evidence	12/06/2025		This call for evidence seeks evidence and insights on how best to support and incentivise business sectors to invest in nature recovery, especially those sectors which impact or depend upon nature the most.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Airport expansion and climate and nature targets	Environment	EAC	Inquiry	28/03/2025		As the Government commits to the expansion of airport capacity in the UK, the Environmental Audit Committee (EAC) has launched a new inquiry to examine whether doing so can be achieved in line with climate and environment goals.	<a href="#">Here</a>
Biodiversity net gain statutory credits: annual report 2024 to 2025	Environment	Defra	Policy Paper	14/03/2025		Updated 21/7 to reflect confirmation that no VAT on sales of BNG	<a href="#">Here</a>
Nitrogen Inquiry	Farming	ECCC	Inquiry	30/01/2025		HoL ECCC launches Nitrogen inquiry; first hearing on 5 Feb is emissions focussed	<a href="#">Here</a>
Land Value Capture	Housing	HCLGC	Inquiry	22/01/2025		The Housing, Communities and Local Government (HCLG) Committee has launched an inquiry to look at how land value capture policies - which seek to capture the value uplift on land when it is granted planning permission - can contribute to the delivery of the Government's house building plans and help fund affordable housing and public infrastructure	<a href="#">Here</a>
Animal and Plant Health Inquiry	Farming	EFRA	Inquiry	09/01/2025		Will provide consistent scrutiny of ongoing and emerging issues and opportunities relating to animal and plant health - biosecurity at the border is the first topic.	<a href="#">Here</a>

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Fairness in the food supply chain	Farming	EFRA	Inquiry	20/12/2024		The Government has identified food security as a national security issue. The fairness in the food supply chain inquiry will provide consistent scrutiny of issues relating to the UK's food security, the levels of support for domestic food production and the provision of affordable and healthy food. First call for evidence focuses on GCA and fair dealing powers under AA2020; closes 24 Jan.	<a href="#">Here</a> and first call <a href="#">here</a>
Reforming the water sector	Water	EFRA	Inquiry	19/12/2024		Long-term review into reforming the water sector, which will cover a wide range of issues from financial stability to agricultural pollution	<a href="#">Here</a>
Flood Resilience in England	Water	EAC	Inquiry	10/12/2024		EAC to examine flood resilience as homes and businesses recover from more flooding misery in recent weeks - accepting evidence until 13 Jan	<a href="#">Here</a>
The Future of Farming	Farming	EFRA	Inquiry	06/12/2024		Wide-ranging and long-term inquiry into the future of farming, covering topics from education to land use and agri-tech.	<a href="#">Here</a> and <a href="#">here</a>
The role of natural capital in the green economy [revived]	Green Finance	EAC	Inquiry	29/11/2024		The Government is committed to preserving 30% of land and sea in England by 2030. With just over five years to go, can private investment spur nature protection schemes that will see the pledge become reality? A previous inquiry has been revived and a new call for evidence launched - responses can be submitted online until 20 December.	<a href="#">Here</a> and <a href="#">here</a>
Environmental sustainability and housing growth	Environment	EAC	Inquiry	18/11/2024		The environmental impact of planning reforms needed to meet the Government's housebuilding targets will be examined by the Environmental Audit Committee (EAC) as it launches its first inquiry of the new Parliament	<a href="#">Here</a>