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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.	Here
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 recommendations 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.	Here
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.	Here
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.	Here
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.	Here
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.	Here
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.	Here
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.	Here
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.	Here
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.	Here
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.	Here
'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.	Here
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.	Here
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.	Here
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.	Here and Gov here

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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.	Here
Flood resilience in England	Water	EAC	Report	13/10/2025		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.	Here
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	Here
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.	Here
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.	Here
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.	Here
Tenant Farming Commissioner announced	Farming	DEFRA	News	26/09/2025		Alan Laidlaw announced as the new Tenant Farming Commissioner	Here
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.	Here
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	Here
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	Here
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.	Here
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.	Here
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.	Here
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.	Here
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.	Here
Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier launched	Environment	DEFRA	Funding	10/09/2025		CSHT opened for applicants who have had pre-approval	Here
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.	Here
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	Here

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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 here and consultation response here
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.	Here
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	Here
New DEFRA Secretary and Farming Minister	Environment	HMGovt	News	06/09/2025		Emma Reynolds replaces Steve Reed and Angela Eagle replaces Daniel Zeichner	Here and here
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.	Here
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.	Here
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.	Here
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,	Here
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.	Here and report here
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.	Here
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	Here
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.	Here
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.	Here
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.	Here
The economic impact of the English red meat sector	Farming	AHDB	Report	28/08/2025		£5.5bn GVA contributed to the economy in 2023	Here
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 here and consultation here
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.	Here
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.	Here

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£6mn for Scotland's environment	Environment	Scottish Govt	News	21/08/2025		Additional funding announced for NatureScot and 3 National Park projects	Here
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.	Here
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.	Here and FT write up here
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	Here
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.	Here
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 here
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	Here
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 Here and response here
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	Here
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	Here
£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	Here
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.	Here
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	Here
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	Here
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	Here
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	Here
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.	Here
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.	Here
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	Here and strategy here

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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	Here
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.	Here
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.	Here
Independent Water Commission final report	Water	IWC	Report	21/07/2025		White paper to follow in autumn, abolishes OFWAT, focus on agricultural pollution	Report here and Defra response here
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	Here
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	Here
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.	Here
£1.87m in funding to drive nature investment	Environment	Nature Scot	News	17/07/2025		New round of FIRNS funding launched	Here
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	Here
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 here and policy paper here
Sustainable Farming Scheme	Farming	Sennedd	Scheme	15/07/2025		SFS launched	Here
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.	Here
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)	Here
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.	Here
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 govt 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)	Here
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.	Here
Toxic lead ammunition banned to protect Britain's countryside	Environment	Defra	News	10/07/2025		Restrictions on lead in ammunition	Technical announcement Here and press release here
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	Here

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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	Here
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 here and consultation here
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.	Here
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	Here
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.	Here
New climate budgets set	Climate	Scottish Govt	News	19/06/2025		Includes adopting Scotland-appropriate targets for woodland, peatland and livestock	Here
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.	Here
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		Govt 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.	Here
National Framework for Water Resources 2025: water for growth, nature and a resilient future	Water	Env Agency	Policy Paper	15/06/2025			Summary here
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.	Here
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.	Here
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	Here
Nitrogen Inquiry	Farming	ECCC	Inquiry	30/01/2025		HoL ECCC launches Nitrogen inquiry; first hearing on 5 Feb is emissions focussed	Here
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	Here
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.	Here
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.	Here and first call here
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	Here
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	Here
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.	Here and here

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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.	Here and here
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	Here