

The Future of the UK Environment: delivering health and wellbeing over the next 25 years

This year will be crucial for the future of our environment. The Great Repeal Bill is intended to bring all existing EU legislation, including environmental legislation, into UK law. However, there are dangers that this may weaken environmental protection in the UK; fast track repeal powers may be used to remove regulations seen as burdensome red tape. It is essential that attempts to weaken current laws that protect our environment are resisted and that every opportunity is taken to strengthen them as they become part of UK law. Our President, Lord Whitty will give the Opening Address on how we might deliver a better environment in the current political climate, with improvements in health and wellbeing for all of the UK.

This year will also see the publication of the Government's new National Plans for NO₂, expected to be heavily focused on Clean Air Zones. This year's conference will review the action around this Plan, the measures it proposes and the work of the national government, cities and others to implement it to deliver better air quality.

We will also be considering new motivations for environmental action. Given uncertainties around departure from the EU, are cities taking initiatives for themselves? How can competition for sustainability and quality of life, as well as public campaigns like the Healthy Air Campaign, the National Clean Air Day and the Noise Action Week contribute to this drive to improve our environment and public health. What roles are there for civil society bodies like EPUK?

In addition to the keynote talks there will be expert presentations in the sessions for each of the main EPUK topics, air quality, land quality and noise. The programme is planned to ensure lively discussion in the conference sessions and many opportunities for networking and viewing the exhibition and displays.

In particular there will be updates on:

- The Government's new National Plan and measures for meeting air quality targets & improving public health
- New drivers for environmental improvement
- Health protection and contaminated land
- Delivering quieter and more tranquil areas for improving urban health and wellbeing
- Opportunities for local authorities and communities in improving the environment and public health

The Conference will be of particular interest to:

- Local authority Environmental Health Practitioners, Contaminated Land, Planning and Transport Officers
- Elected members with an environment brief or interest, Metro Mayors and their advisors
- Environmental managers from the private and public sectors
- Environmental businesses and consultants
- Academics and students involved in teaching, research and learning in environmental protection subjects
- Local environmental interest groups and Community Groups

Register online: www.environmental-protection.org.uk/events/epuk-events/autumn-conference-2017/

• Attendance at this event provides 7 hours CPD certification •

Conference Programme

09.00 *Registration, Displays and Exhibition plus Refreshments*

PLENARY SESSION 1

Session Chair: Christopher Fry, Chair, EPUK Board of Trustees

10:15 **Welcome and Introductions**

10:20 **Keynote Address: Delivering a better environment in a changing political climate**

- Lord Whitty, EPUK President

10:50 **Questions and Discussion**

11:00 *Refreshments, Displays and Exhibition*

11:30 **Plenary Session continued**

Beyond national policy: local drivers for a better environment

- John Murlis, Environmental Performance and Chair, EPUK Executive Committee

11.55 **Building consensus, cooperation and bold environmental action without legal standards**

- Speaker from C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group

12.25 **Questions, discussion and closing remarks**

12.40 **Meet the Exhibitors**

13.00 *Lunch, Displays and Exhibition*

14.15 **Parallel Sessions for Air, Land and Noise** - see opposite page

15.30 *Refreshments, Displays and Exhibition*

PLENARY SESSION 2

Session Chair: Derek Osborn, EPUK Vice President

16.00 **Current issues in Air, Land and Noise:** feedback from the parallel sessions

Policy Update: the work of EPUK Policy Committees, policy initiatives and campaigns

Environmental Legislation: updates post EU

16.30 **Questions and discussion**

16.40 **Closing Address - Delivering environmental protection through local authorities**

- speaker to be confirmed

16:55 **Closing Remarks**

- Lord Whitty, EPUK President

17:00 **Close of 2017 EPUK National Conference**

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Air Quality

Session Chair: Sarah Legge, *Chair, EPUK Air Quality Policy Committee*

- 14.15 Introduction: National Plans for Clean Air Zones
Implementing the National Plan, the Experience of Local Authorities**
- Mandated LA and non-mandated LA speakers, to be confirmed
- Real world vehicle emissions and the EQUA Index**
- Nick Molden, *Emissions Analytics*
- Court action and the National Plan: an update**
- Alan Andrews, *Client Earth*
- Questions and Closing Remarks**
- 15.30 Refreshments, Displays and Exhibition**

Land Quality

Session Chair: David Rudland, *Chair, EPUK Land Quality Policy Committee*

- 14.15 Introduction: The future approach to brownfield
UK guidance on soil vapour screening criteria, sampling methods and human health risk assessment**
- Richard Hayes, *Ramboll Environ UK*
- Engineered solutions for ground gas and vapour protection measures**
- Peter Atchison, *PAGeotechnical*
- Brownfield policy now**
- John Reeds, *Smartgrowth UK*
- Questions and Closing Remarks**
- 15.30 Refreshments, Displays and Exhibition**

Noise

Session Chair: Alan Bratt, *Chair, EPUK Noise Policy Committee*

- 14.15 Introduction: Environmental and Industrial Noise
Case Study: Noise from a Scrap Yard**
- Jon Tofts, *Environment Agency*
- Noise Policy Update, including progress on round three noise mapping**
- Lewis Baker, *Defra*
- Network Rail Noise Partnership Working**
- Richard Francis, *Wiltshire Council*
- Questions and Closing Remarks**
- 15.30 Refreshments, Displays and Exhibition**

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Registration form

Please complete the form below and return to our office at the address below. You can also register online at www.environmental-protection.org.uk/events/epuk-events/autumn-conference-2017/. Should you require any further information then please email events@environmental-protection.org.uk or call 07710 183525.

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Conference fees - Register by 30 September 2017 for the Early Bird rate

Environmental Protection UK Member:	£112.00 +VAT (£134.40 [‡])	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Display Stand Package includes one delegate, short introductory conference session, on-site hotel accommodation for Wednesday 8 November with breakfast plus two days parking

Appointed delegate(s):

First	Name	_____
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Second	Name	_____
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- Cheque (please enclose a cheque made payable to 'Environmental Protection Trading Ltd')
- Invoice (official purchase order must accompany the Registration Form)
- Credit Card (please use the link above to register and pay online)

In the event of cancellation, one half of the fee will be credited up to 10 October 2017, but after that date no credit will be possible due to the way in which we are charged by our suppliers. A substitute delegate is always welcome.

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