

Planning for climate, nature and communities parliamentary roundtable

Event led by the Environment APPG

Wednesday 26th February



- In attendance: Andrew Pakes MP (Chair), Roz Savage MP, Baroness Helene Hayman, Baroness Parminter, Baroness Coffey, Lord Ralph Lucas, Sarah Mukherjee (IEMA), Charlotte Mitchell (National Grid), Cllr Richard Clewert (UK100), Holly Brazier Tope (Environment APPG Secretariat), Charles Long (Secretariat)
- The Environment APPG hosted a planning roundtable, chaired by Andrew Pakes MP, in which parliamentarians engaged with experts Charlotte Mitchell (National Grid), Sarah Mukherjee (IEMA) and Councillor Richard Clewert (UK100) on how to deliver on clean energy targets whilst protecting nature and considering the views of diverse communities. MPs and peers discussed how to address major skill gaps that would help balance the need for green infrastructure with protection for nature, whilst addressing the lack of engagement in the planning system from working class and diverse communities in particular. They also discussed the need for engaging communities before major planning decisions are made to give them a voice in the process, particularly in smaller energy projects, and debated ideas like providing money off bills for communities hosting energy projects to build support for them.