

STOP PRESS – next meeting, Thursday, 4th June 2020

Environment and Animal Welfare

Via Zoom

A connection link will be sent by email a couple of days before the discussion.

(Rest assured this is very straightforward)

The former Association Chairman, Robert Cook, will lead the discussion.

“Now that we have left the European Union, we can take full responsibility for how we protect our environment we will not only protect but enhance environmental standards cementing our status as a world leader on the environment.”

Rt Hon. George Eustice MP, Secretary of State for the Environment

The questions to be considered:

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| 1. After the coronavirus pandemic, in what ways might we seek new international agreements on environmental standards to prevent the transmission of disease from animals to humans in foreign food chains — e.g. “wet markets”, animals living close to humans, and illegal wildlife trade — and on the habitat loss that forces humans and wildlife into closer proximity? |
| 2. Where and how should we diverge from our currently-embedded EU environmental and animal welfare standards to achieve a “Green Brexit”? |
| 3. Should we use our new independent trade policy to drive, or require, improvements in environmental and animal husbandry standards from foreign suppliers in our imports (e.g. by offering lower tariffs for those who achieve higher standards) or is this either modern imperialism or trade protectionism in disguise? |
| 4. As we re-open the economy after the lockdown, how might we build on the recent collaboration between UK companies and charities on projects in the national interest?

How might we preserve environmental improvements (such as the better air quality that resulted from reduced transport use) and tackle other threats (such as environmental degradation and air pollution) in a way that doesn't constrain economic growth? |
| 5. What steps should the Government be taking, potentially as part of the post-pandemic economic recovery, to make our economy more resilient to the effects of changes in the climate and to other environmental shocks?

How might we move to a more seasonal food supply and promote British producers more effectively? |
| 6. What should we aim to achieve from hosting COP26 in Glasgow next year? |

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