

Brexit: The state of play

What do we now know and what's coming over the horizon?

Sustain, working with the Oxford Real Farming Conference to run the ORFC 2018 Brexit Room



ORFC 2018 Brexit Room agenda

Thursday 4th January

Main Hall

Brexit: State of play

Followed by ORFC plenary Q&A with
Defra Secretary of State Michael Gove, chaired by Zac Goldsmith MP

Assembly Room

Farm labour and livelihoods

Post-Brexit farm support: How should it be governed?

Friday 5th January

All in the Assembly Room

Delivering public benefits from our land

(De)Regulation marketplace (2 sessions)

- Wildlife (Buglife)
- Water (Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust)
- Seed policy (Seed Co-operative)
- Genetic Modification (GM Freeze)
- Pesticides (Pesticide Action Network)
- Synthetic biology (ExoNexus)
- Food waste for animal feed (Feedback)
- Farm animal welfare (Compassion)

Post-Brexit trade deals: impact on UK farming

A few general points...

1. **Brexit is gigantic:** here, our focus is food and farming (and a bit of fishing)
2. **This is broad-brush;** we're working with specialists on the detail
3. **We're not taking sides** – let's share insights
4. **We're neither negative nor positive** – let's navigate possibilities
5. **There are elephants** (and buckets, and question marks) **in the room**

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- **Stage 1 negotiations with EU** [complete]; Stage 2 commencing
- **EU Withdrawal Bill** (Repeal Bill) [full swing]
- **Agriculture Bill Command Paper** [due any day now (January??)]
- **25 Year Environment Plan** [‘due shortly’ for months]
- **Fisheries Bill** (White Paper) [due shortly]
- **Relationships with EU institutions, processes, functions** [unclear, largely unacknowledged]
- **A “transition deal”** with the European Union seems increasingly likely
- **Trade Bill White Paper** [published, ignoring consultation]
- **Trade discussions with other nations** [ongoing]

Campaign for a Better Food Britain



The Sustain alliance is working together for a Better Food Britain: www.sustainweb.org

Sign up, share your insights, lobby your MP and get involved!

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How to keep informed and get involved

- **Food and farming:** Sustain Brexit Forum www.sustainweb.org/brexit - www.sustainweb.org/foodandfarmingpolicy
- And sister networks in Devolved Nations (e.g. Nourish Scotland) www.nourishscotland.org
- **Environment:** Greener UK www.greeneruk.org and Wildlife & Countryside Link www.wcl.org.uk
- **Specialist issues:** NGOs working on specialist policy, on e.g. pesticides, chemicals, animal welfare, consumer protection, food standards; also unions, trade associations and professional associations www.sustainweb.org/membership
- **EU Withdrawal Bill:** Unlock Democracy www.repealbill.org
Trade deals: Trade Justice Movement www.tjm.org.uk
- **Building the mandate:** Food, Farming & Countryside Commission (coordinated by the RSA) www.thersa.org/discover/publications-and-articles/reports/food-farming-and-countryside-commission-prospectus



