

Planning with Purpose: Making the Planning Bill work for climate, nature and communities

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- In attendance: Andrew Pakes MP (chair), Wera Hobhouse MP, Baroness Young of Old Scone, Roz Savage MP, Harpreet Uppal MP, Lord Lucas, Andrew Achilleos (staffer for Margaret Mullane MP), Emma Crane (Peers for the Planet/staffer for Baroness Sheehan), Lucy Pegg (secretariat), Nadia Sabania (secretariat), Matthew Browne (The Wildlife Trusts), Claire Wansbury (AtkinsRealis)
- Parliamentarians had an in-depth discussion of the Planning Bill, looking at how parliamentarians can work together to ensure the legislation delivers joined-up and balanced outcomes for climate, nature and communities. Matthew Browne from The Wildlife Trusts and Claire Wansbury from AtkinsRealis provided expert insights. The discussion covered incentives for developers to protect nature, the relationship between the Planning Bill and the Devolution Bill, natural capital, and more.
- Informed by this discussion, the APPG will look to take forward further work to ensure the Bill delivers on its potential