

Since the autumn of 2017 the UK Government has issued a striking amount of policy and strategy documents which will shape the economy and environment of the country over the next decades.

The strategies include a view and objectives of environmental protection over 25 years; a plan to grow the economy while improving environmental performance; a view of the strategic industries to be developed and supported; a strategy to better manage wastes and resources; a bioeconomy strategy looking at growing the sector through specific actions; and strategy to reduce airborne pollution. Intersecting with these are the need to transpose the EU Circular Economy Package into UK law and building within the UK an environmental watch dog to replace the European Court after Brexit.

Joining up the dots and ensuring the legislation, actions and funding are not contradictory is a monumental task. It is also a great opportunity for new materials, innovation, bioindustries and resource management to flourish with new legislative and financial drivers.

In this presentation we will look at the landscape and try to interpret it and help the audience understand the opportunities the UK presents, despite the terrible confusion it has created over Brexit.