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responded to
on your behalf

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regularly
engaged with

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run for you

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Annual Summary | Sept 2023 - Aug 2024

We exist for the benefit of our members - you.

It's been another busy year and there's been lots of developments policy-wise. We've had confirmation of the mandatory food and garden waste collections in England, alongside consultations from Scotland and Northern Ireland on moving towards a more circular economy. Progress has also been made on the revision of the Compost and Anaerobic Digestate Quality Protocols with tighter plastics limits. REA have held meetings with the Organics Forum, the Organics Steering Group and contributed to many other industry working groups. We continue to advocate for the role the organics industry can play in meeting our net zero targets and producing valuable fertilisers and soil improvers that play a vital role in soil health.

We would be delighted to hear from you and discuss any issues you may have or provide further details on the work we do.

Consultation Response

CONSULTATIONS

We are here to represent you and are very grateful to all members who have been involved in REA consultation responses by sharing your experiences, thoughts and expertise. This has enabled the REA to present a unified and authoritative voice to governments, regulators and others on behalf of our members. Below is a list of all the consultations we've responded to on behalf of our Organics members from September 2023 to August 2024 inclusive. You can find copies of responses on our website or contact us for more information.

1. Defra: Draft Producer Responsibility Obligations
2. HM Treasury: Autumn Budget 2023
3. EA: Proposals for a new standard rules permit for capture, treatment, and storage of biogas from lagoons and tanks
4. EA: Changes to technically competent manager attendance at permitted sites
5. Defra: Consultation on additional policies related to Simpler Recycling in England
6. Defra: Consultation on Simpler Recycling exemptions and statutory guidance
7. HM Treasury: Spring Statement 2024
8. Scottish Government: Delivering Scotland's Circular Economy: Route map to 2025 and Beyond
9. Scottish Government: Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations 2018 draft - proposed amendments
10. SEPA: Proposed types of authorisations for waste, water and industrial activities
11. DEZNZ: Call for evidence on decarbonisation options for non-road mobile machinery
12. DESNZ: Future Biomethane Framework Call for Evidence
13. DAERA: Rethinking our Resources: Measures for Climate Action and a Circular Economy in NI Consultation
14. HM Treasury and HMRC: Introduction of a UK carbon border adjustment mechanism
15. Defra: Survey for the UK Best Available Techniques (UK BAT) in the Slaughterhouses and Animal Byproducts Sector
16. EA: Revision of Compost Quality Protocol and Anaerobic Digestate Quality Protocol
17. Dept for the Economy: Call for Evidence on Developing Biomethane Production in Northern Ireland



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

We regularly meet with government, regulators and other industry stakeholders such as Defra, Dept for Business and Trade, Environment Agency, WRAP, Scottish Government, SEPA, Zero Waste Scotland and Renewable Energy Assurance Ltd. We are involved in groups tackling industry issues including:

- EA Task and Finish Group to revise the Compost Quality Protocol and Anaerobic Digestate Quality Protocol
- WRAP Organics Roadmap - working to improve quality of inputs and outputs and value of composts and digestates as well as digestate-related advances that support clean air
- REAL's Research Hub Panel
- REAL's project management teams for some of the funded research projects
- EA's Biowaste Regulatory Forum
- EA's Regulated Business Forum
- Health and Safety Executive
- European Biogas Association Working Groups on Digestate and Circular Economy
- Scottish Government's Waste and Resources forum
- Defra's Resources and Waste Strategy Stakeholder Advisory Group
- Defra's Business Readiness Forum
- Packaging EPR policy development discussions with compostables-relevant stakeholders
- UK Plastics Pact - where relevant to compostable packaging, its organic recycling and its contribution towards Pact targets
- Biobased and Biodegradable Industries Association board of directors
- BBIA task force on marking of compostable bags and liners
- BSI committee on biodegradable packaging
- CEN committee on degradability and organic recovery of packaging (development of a standard and disintegration test method for home compostable carrier bags)
- Enrich the Earth - External advisory group
- Compostable Coalition UK
- UKRI-funded research project on capturing and processing compostable packaging
- Compostable by Design Platform
- UKWIR digital prioritisation tool for resource recovery project
- DAERA's Biodegradable waste to landfill advisory group
- Defra UK BAT advisory group
- Defra Regulation co-design group on tackling agricultural pollution from slurry
- Nutri-check NET project - national expert group
- International Compost Alliance
- Scottish Waste Industry Training, Competency, Health and Safety Forum



REA ORGANICS STEERING GROUP

The steering group drives the agendas of our work and supports us to be able to understand the needs of our members. This year, we welcome Iain Cameron and Declan Barlow to the group and give thanks to Jonathan Niker, Ralph Lodge, and Andy Sibley who stood down from the steering group. We also welcome Graeme Kennett as our new chair following Becky Wheeler's election to the REA board of directors. The steering group meets around four times a year and provides lots of additional input via email and phone calls. We really appreciate their knowledge and support.

- **Graeme Kennett** - Principal Consultant, Mabbett & Associates Ltd. - Chair
- **Ben Brown** - Director, WRM Ltd
- **Dr Becky Wheeler** - Head of Business Development, Future Biogas
- **Charlie Trousdell** - Charlie Trousdell Associates
- **Ged Denny** - Technical Director, Allium Energy
- **Georgia Budden** - Business Development Strategic Manager, Envar
- **Declan Barlow** - Biosolids and Trade Waste Lead, Severn Trent
- **Iain Cameron** - Operations Manager, Enva
- **Justin Dampney** - COO, Eco Sustainable Solutions
- **Kristy Blakeborough** - Head of Biogenics, BioCapital Ltd
- **Malcolm Marshall** - General Manager Compost, Veolia
- **Robert Benford** - Partner, G K Benford & Co
- **Tony Breton** - Market Specialist, Novamont
- **Stuart Hayward-Higham** - Chief Technical Development & Innovation Officer, SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK

“ORGANICS” CONFERENCE

EVENTS, MEETINGS & TRAINING

We aim to hold a range of events every year to benefit our members. This includes member meetings, conferences and training and we usually hold a mixture of online and in-person events. We've enjoyed chatting to members both at our events but also at other industry events. The Organics team has been pleased to attend, speak at and chair sessions at other events throughout the year. We will be at RWM this year on stand EN-F62 so please come and see us.

- REA AGM, September 2023
- Climate change adaptation webinar, September 2023
- UK Green Gas Day, October 2023
- Study tour to Germany, October 2023
- Training: Understanding PAS100 in full, November 2023 and February 2024
- Training: Understanding PAS110 in full, November 2023 and February 2024
- Training: HACCP for composting and AD, November 2023 and April 2024
- Member webinar on Simpler Recycling, November 2023
- UK Compostable Coalition Round Table, January 2024
- Resolution, January 2024
- Member webinar on Scottish Environmental Authorisations, March 2024
- Annual Organics Conference and Dinner, March 2024
- British Renewable Energy Awards, June 2024
- Industry Webinar: Draft Quality Protocols for Compost and Digestate, August 2024
- UK Green Gas Day, 5th September 2024
- Organics Member Meeting and Severn Trent Site Visit, 6th September 2024

Coming soon

- Resources and Waste Management Expo (RWM), 11th-12th September 2024
- ESS RWM Organics Recycling Networking Session, 11th September 2024
- Understanding PAS100 in full, 18th-19th September 2024
- Understanding PAS110 in full, 24th-25th September 2024
- Resourcing Scotland, 14th November 2024
- HACCP for composting and AD, 19th November 2024



REA ACTIVITY

REA Organics works very closely with other member forums of the REA, especially REA Green Gas. We collaborate to ensure that Organics members are represented, and views considered when informing policy and working on our consultation responses which is often cross-cutting.

REA has member forums covering all things renewable energy and clean technology from Biomass, Green Gas, Energy from Waste, Finance, and Landfill Gas to Electric Vehicles, so if there is something else you are interested in, make sure you are signed up to the correct member forums. Our membership team can help with this.



TALKING TO YOU

We communicate with members mostly through our website and direct email newsletters. We send regular Organics e-news and other direct mailings as required. The REA also has a weekly members' newsletter, our Organics and Biogas Magazine and produces its REview publication annually. If you don't receive our communications and would like to, please let us know and we will sort it out for you.

We are always happy to hear from our members, please email jenny@r-e-a.net.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all members of REA Organics. We are here to support you and without you we wouldn't exist. We are grateful for your support and look forward to hearing from you and hopefully seeing you at some of our upcoming events.

