

UKELA's work on Brexit so far

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Events

11 March 2015 – Implications of EU withdrawal evening seminar at King and Wood Mallesons, London

18 November 2015 – Full-day conference at Bristol University

29 April 2016 – UKELA Wales seminar

15 June 2016 – West Midlands Regional Group

Winter 2016 – Afternoon seminar in Belfast

Consultation responses and inquiry submissions

Before the Referendum

- August 2013 – response to the 'Balance of Competences' review
- Winter 2015/16 – written and oral evidence to HoC Environmental Audit Committee's inquiry into the extent to which EU environmental objectives and policies have succeeded in tackling UK environmental issues

After the Referendum

- August 2016 – written submissions to HoC Energy and Climate Change Committee inquiry on implications for climate policy of leaving the EU
- September 2016 – written submissions to HoC Environmental Audit Committee inquiry on the future of the natural environment

Information on ukela.org/brexit

Brexit home page

- UKELA's position
- How has EU membership affected UK's environmental laws?
- How might Brexit change things?

Further Reading pages

- UKELA's work on Brexit
 - Consultation responses and inquiry submissions
 - Working Party Papers
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- Other reports & articles on Brexit
 - Articles
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UKELA's position statement (1)

1. UKELA considers it imperative that the UK's current environmental legislation is preserved pending proper review, full and open consultation on options for change and the involvement of Parliament as far as possible.
2. UKELA considers preservation is critically important in order to ensure ongoing compliance with international law and applicable EU law, regulatory stability and continued protection of the environment.

UKELA's position statement (2)

3. UKELA considers that the level of environmental protection, and the ability of citizens to participate in environmental decisions and take action in the courts where necessary, must not be diminished by any future changes to domestic legislation.
4. The development of a post-Brexit framework of environmental legislation presents a unique and critically important opportunity for the UK Government and devolved administrations to explore ways of improving and strengthening environmental regulation.
5. UKELA will ensure that the UK Government, devolved administrations and regulators are aware of the immense body of legal expertise within the association that may be employed to assist with the next steps.