

15

Consultations
responded to
on your behalf

34

Stakeholders
regularly
engaged with

19

Events, meetings
and training
run for you

240

ORGANICS
MEMBER
COMPANIES

REA ORGANICS



ORGANICS

Annual Summary | Sept 2024 - Aug 2025

We exist for the benefit of our members - you.

Over the past 12 months, there have been significant policy and industry developments. The first phase of mandatory food waste collections from workplaces in England has begun, with household collections set to commence in April 2026. The benefits of a circular economy are increasingly being recognised, with both Defra and the Scottish Government developing Circular Economy Strategies, expected to be supported by sector-specific roadmaps. At the same time, we have continued to play a leading role in shaping industry contributions to the Compost and Anaerobic Digestion Resources Frameworks.

REA has convened meetings of the Organics Forum and Organics Steering Group, as well as actively contributing to wider industry working groups and government consultations. We have continued to champion the vital role the organics sector plays in achieving net zero, supporting soil health, and producing sustainable biofertilisers and soil improvers.

We would be delighted to hear from you, discuss any challenges you are facing, or provide further information on our ongoing work.

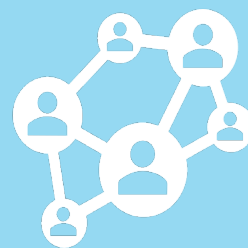
Consultation Response

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 2024 to August 2025 inclusive. You can find copies of responses on our website or contact us for more information.

1. EA R&D Consultation (closed Oct 2024, more info [here](#))
2. EA: Draft Biomethane Resource Framework (closed Nov 2024, more info [here](#))
3. WRAP: Transfer Stations (closed Nov 2024)
4. SEPA: Standard Conditions (closed Nov 2024, more info [here](#))
5. Defra: Recyclability Assessment Methodology User Review (closed Nov 2024, more info [here](#))
6. EA: Waste-related Charge Proposals (closed Jan 2025, more info [here](#))
7. WRAP: Suitable applications for compostable plastic packaging (closed Jan 2025, more info [here](#))
8. SEPA: Composting guidance (closed Feb 2025)
9. SEPA: Guidance for spreading of waste on land for soil improvement (closed Feb 2025)
10. SEPA: Changes to EASR Guidance: Public participation and fit & proper person test (closed Mar, more info [here](#))
11. UK Government: Land use framework (closed Apr 2025, more info [here](#))
12. UK and Welsh Government: Exemptions reform to EPR (closed Jun 2025, more info [here](#))
13. Scottish Government: Rural food waste exemption (closed Jun 2025, more info [here](#))
14. EA: Simpler Recycling charge proposals (closed Jul 2025, more info [here](#))
15. Defra: Expanding private investment in nature recovery (closed Aug 2025, more info [here](#))



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:

Regulations

- EA Task and Finish Group to revise the Compost Quality Protocol and Anaerobic Digestate Quality Protocol
- EA's Biowaste Regulatory Forum
- EA's Regulated Business Forum
- Defra Regulation co-design group on tackling agricultural pollution from slurry
- Trade Association Group on regulatory challenges for waste and resources

Government

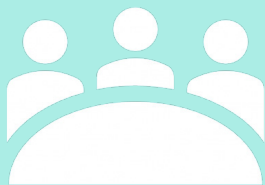
- Defra's Resources and Waste Strategy Stakeholder Advisory Group
- Scottish Government's Waste and Resources forum
- Defra UK BAT advisory group
- Defra's Nutrient Management Planning Tool Advisory Group
- Defra's Circular Economy Taskforce - Agrifood Group
- Defra's Environment Improvement Plan collective intelligence debate

Sector Markets, Research and Strategy

- 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
- Enrich the Earth - External advisory group
- UKWIR digital prioritisation tool for resource recovery project
- Nutri-check NET project - national expert group
- REAL's Research Hub Panel
- REAL's project management teams for some funded research projects

Compostable Materials and Final Products

- Biobased and Biodegradable Industries Association (BBIA) board of directors
- BBIA task forces on 1) EPR and RAM for bio-based and Biodegradable Packaging, 2) Bio-based and Biodegradable materials in agriculture, and 3) Single-Use Plastic Bags (Welsh Gov)
- BB-REG-NET (the UK's first regulatory science network for bio-based and biodegradable materials): on advisory board and contributing to other aspects of the project, e.g. workshops
- BSI committee on standards for biodegradable packaging
- CEN committee on European standards for degradability and organic recovery of packaging and home compostable products
- UK Plastics Pact - where relevant to compostable packaging, its organic recycling and its contribution towards Pact targets
- Compostable Coalition UK
- Compostable by Design Platform (Europe focussed)
- Consortium researching Capturing and Processing Compostable Packaging - Behaviour Change Interventions and Infrastructure Considerations (completed, included publication of REA's report on Management of Compostables for Organic Recycling)
- Advisory group for UCL's research project The Comfort Loop: A systems approach for sustainable absorbent hygiene products
- International Engagement
- International Compost Alliance
- European Biogas Association Working Groups on Digestate and Circular Economy
- Global group on compostable Price Look-Up stickers for fruit and vegetables
- Health and Safety
- Scottish Waste Industry Training, Competency, Health and Safety Forum
- Health and Safety Executive



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 James O'Mahoney-Magee and David Cunningham to the group and give thanks to Iain Cameron who stood down from the steering group. 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, WRM - Chair
- Ben Brown - Director, WRM
- David Cunningham - Operations Manager, Enva
- Declan Barlow - Biosolids and Trade Waste Lead, Severn Trent
- Ged Denny - Technical Director, Allium Energy
- Georgia Budden - Business Development Strategic Manager, Envar
- James O'Mahoney-Magee - Organics Manager, Biocaptial
- Justin Dampney - COO, Eco Sustainable Solutions
- Kristy Blakeborough - Process Outputs Manager, Severn Trent Green Power
- Malcolm Marshall - General Manager - Compost, Veolia
- Paul Britt - Environmental Compliance Manager, Future Biogas
- Robert Benford - Partner, G K Benford & Co
- 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 and 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-G46 so please come and see us.

- Organics Member Meeting and Site visit, September 2024
- Training: Understanding PAS100 in full, September 2024 and February 2025
- Training: Understanding PAS110 in full, September 2024 and February 2025
- REA AGM, September 2024
- UK Green Gas Day, September 2024
- Resourcing Scotland Conference, November 2024
- Training: HACCP for composting and AD, November 2024 and April 2025
- Compostable Coalition UK Round Table, May 2024
- RESolution, January 2025
- Training: Young Professionals Speaker Training, January 2025
- Annual Organics Conference and Dinner, March 2025
- Member webinar on UK Government's Land Use Framework Consultation, April 2025
- Member webinar on 'Advancements in Insect Farming', April 2025
- British Renewable Energy Awards, June 2025
- Member webinar on 'Rethinking De-pack Rejects', June 2025
- Member Roundtable - Circular Economy Taskforce, July 2025

Coming soon

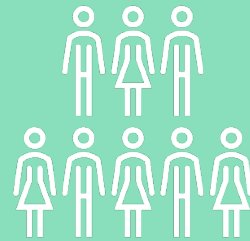
- Resources and Waste Management Expo (RWM), 17th-18th September 2025
- ESS RWM Organics Recycling Networking / Speaker Session, 17th/18th September 2025
- Understanding PAS110 in full, 11th-12th September 2025
- Understanding PAS100 in full, 25th-26th September 2025
- HACCP for composting and AD, 29th September 2025
- Organics Forum Member Meeting (online via Teams), 3rd October 2025
- Recycling Expo UK, 7 & 8th October 2025, with REA-hosted Panel Session on 7th
- UK Green Gas Day, 9th October 2025
- Compostable by Design Platform's annual all-sponsors event (Brussels), 5th November 2025
- Green Gas Forum Member Meeting (London), 20th November
- AD and the Rural Economy, 3rd December
- REA Organics Conference 2026, 19th March tbc



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, direct email newsletters and forum meetings. We send regular Organics e-news and other direct mailings as required.

The REA also has a weekly members' newsletter 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.

