

The UK Government Food Strategy White Paper must have ambitious legislation at its heart

“The Food Strategy White Paper is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for the UK Government to set out a single visionary plan to transform England’s food system for our health, the economy, and the planet. Recent gas and commodity price increases, CO₂ shortages, tighter border controls, and labour shortages have shown how important a coordinated approach to the food system is. It is only by taking an integrated, cross-government approach, building on the recommendations laid out in the National Food Strategy, that the Government can lead the food system reform necessary to achieve its net zero and nature positive commitments, tackle obesity and reduce inequalities.

“To do this, the White Paper must commit first and foremost to new primary legislation, demonstrating the Government's ambition in this space by putting in place the food system impact targets and long-term levers that will support the cross-government action that is needed to transform the food system for future generations. Through smart investment, aligned trade policy, standards and the right targets and laws in food, the Government can unlock innovation and build resilient, sustainable supply chains and progressive partnerships with the best producers.

“The UK Government Food Strategy White Paper, coming so soon after the COP26 climate summit, is a line in the sand moment to reduce the environmental impacts of England’s food system (without offshoring impacts), increase access to and affordability of a healthy diet, and support farmers, businesses and other stakeholders to accelerate their transition towards more healthy, sustainable practices whilst providing high quality employment in all parts of the country. With food system strategies and legislation underway in all the devolved nations, this is an excellent opportunity to consider how legislation introduced in Westminster could be of benefit to all.

“We are calling on the Government to deliver on this opportunity by committing to new primary legislation and championing transformational food system change.”

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Food, Farming and Countryside Commission	Pipers Farm	Sustainable Restaurant Association
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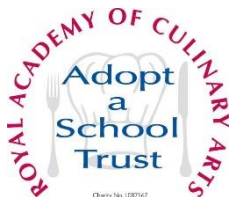
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