



Government must not use Gallagher review as an excuse for inaction on climate change

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Speaking on the publication of the Gallagher review into biofuels, Clare Wenner, head of transport biofuels at the Renewable Energy Association, said:

“We welcome this review and hope that it will lead to a more balanced debate about biofuels which will prove vital in tackling climate change in the transport sector. Transport makes up a quarter of our greenhouse gas emissions, and this is rising. As Gallagher has recognised, there is enough land available worldwide to meet the various demands for food, feed and energy – the challenge now is to use that land sustainably.

“There are good and bad biofuels and the UK industry is 100% committed to producing good biofuels. However, no progress will be made unless there is investment in production and research. The Government needs to give consistent, reliable and long-term targets. The Gallagher proposals do not do this.

“The UK’s Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation gives a clear set of standards for our industry and we agree with Gallagher that these should be applied in the EU and globally. However, this will take time and we need solutions urgently. The UK should continue to show strong leadership, but not use the complexity of the Gallagher analysis as an excuse for inaction.”

“We look forward to working closely with Government over the months to come”

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Notes for Editors

- The Renewable Energy Association is the UK's leading trade association for the renewables industry, with over 550 members across the industry and around 70 involved in biofuels
- More facts and figures on biofuels can be obtained from www.biofuelsday.co.uk

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