



## Sustainable Energy Election Watch 2015 – Session 2

Venue: [Institution of Mechanical Engineers](#), One Birdcage Walk, Westminster,  
London SW1H 9JJ  
10 February (14:00 – 17:00)

**Chair: Dave Sowden**

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14:00 – 14:10	<b>Introductory Remarks by the Chair</b>
14:10 – 14:30	<b>Sustainable Energy Policy and Politics – What do we know about Energy Policy 2015 so far?</b>  Dave Sowden, Chief Executive, Sustainable Energy Association
14:30 – 14.50	<b>Can Industry have confidence in Energy Policy from 2015?</b> (5min viewpoints from an industry panel of two energy sector companies) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Martin Fahey, Sustainable Solutions Manager, Mitsubishi Electric Living Environmental Systems</li><li>• Bill Rumble, Chief Commercial Officer, Mark Group</li></ul>
14:50 – 15:00	<b>Keynote</b>  The Lord Teverson, Lib Dem Spokesman for Energy and Climate Change in the House of Lords.
15:00 – 15:30	<b>Coffee and Networking Break</b>
15:30 – 16:50	<b>Roundtable Discussion:</b>  View-points from the panel and questions from the floor (Chair facilitated)
16:50 – 17:00	<b>Closing Remarks</b> from Dave Sowden

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### **Background**

2015 is a critical year for the Sustainable Energy Industry. The Party Conferences revealed strong party political differences on energy and the role of intervention in the sector. The “trilemma” of “going green” versus affordability or energy security is still up for debate. Following a successful event in March 2014 we want to return to the debate and ask whether we are any clearer about what 2015 has in store for the energy sector- and what industry still wants to hear from Government.

The Election Watch series of events are free to attend. We bring together media, industry, political stakeholders, and sector thought leaders to freely discuss energy policy and the political landscape. The discussion informs a variety of outputs, from additional campaign work, write ups in the media, and briefing notes for attendees (produced under Chatham House rules).

### **Framing the Demand-Side Debate**

According to the Government’s own data, most demand-side measures are cheaper options for the country than most large-scale, infrastructure-based supply-side options. And yet the demand-side struggles to have its voice heard, or for policy to follow this economic logic. As we approach the next General Election, the Sustainable Energy Association seeks fundamental change to this, calling for integrated energy efficiency and low carbon and renewable energy production in buildings to become a significantly higher priority in all areas of Government that touch on energy policy. In doing so, the UK will become more industrially competitive, and all consumers will enjoy more affordable bills, as well as moving the country more cost effectively to a decarbonised energy system.