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APPG for Hemp Carbon Capture & Rural Development

Supporting Jobs, Investment, and Policy Reform for Industrial Hemp

The All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Hemp Carbon Capture & Rural Development has been launched with a focused mission: to create an investable industrial hemp sector in the UK by targeting low-barrier, non-contentious reforms that generate jobs and deliver tax revenue.

A Continuation of Progress

As Nick Morland, Chief Executive of Tenacious Carbon, outlined in his opening remarks, this APPG builds on previous efforts and maintains continuity with stakeholders already working in the space. The APPG serves as a bridge between industry and Parliament - a forum where solutions can be actioned, and barriers removed.

Purpose & Strategy

This APPG is deliberately focused on the least contentious areas first - a strategic decision to unlock progress quickly and effectively. By targeting these “low-hanging fruit,” the group aims to act as a pump primer for the wider industry, encouraging early investment, business development, and infrastructure creation.

Jobs, Taxes, and an Investable Industry

The central theme throughout the APPG’s work is jobs and taxes. Hemp offers scalable solutions for rural employment, low-carbon construction, sustainable materials, and soil regeneration - but only if the policy framework enables growth. By focusing on achievable wins, the APPG seeks to make the sector both credible and investable, paving the way for more ambitious reforms.

A Long-Term Vision

While immediate efforts are focused on non-contentious progress, the long-term vision remains bold: to evolve the legal and financial structures surrounding hemp. This includes the eventual reform of the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) to reflect the legal and economic legitimacy of the sector.

Next Steps

With support from cross-party parliamentary officers and a growing network of industry stakeholders, this APPG is ready to lead meaningful change. From factory floors now operational to carbon strategies under development, the industry is maturing - and this APPG is here to back that growth.

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