

## **ADEPT: Consultation Tracker August 2021**

This document is tailored to provide a monthly overview of key consultations and committee inquiries relevant to the Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport.

### **Department consultations**

#### **Cabinet office**

No updates

#### **Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy**

##### **UK Emissions Trading Scheme: proposed amendments**

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on proposed amendments to support effective operation of the UK Emission Trading Scheme (UK ETS) by addressing a number of residual technical issues identified during the development and legislation of the scheme.

Opens: 28 July 2021

Closes: 7 September 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/uk-emissions-trading-scheme-proposed-amendments>

##### **Carbon capture, usage and storage (CCUS): duties and functions of an economic regulator for CO2 transport and storage**

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on proposed duties, powers, functions and objectives of an economic regulator for CO2 transport and storage networks.

Opens: 2nd August 2021

Closes: 26th September 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/carbon-capture-usage-and-storage-ccus-duties-and-functions-of-an-economic-regulator-for-co2-transport-and-storage>

##### **Carbon capture, usage and storage (CCUS): offshore decommissioning regime for CO2 transport and storage**

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation to seek views on their proposals for establishing a funded decommissioning regime for CCUS which aims to achieve this outcome and ensures the Polluter Pays Principle is met, while also encouraging investment in the sector to meet the government's wider objectives.

Opens: 2 August 2021

Closes: 26 September 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/carbon-capture-usage-and-storage-ccus-offshore-decommissioning-regime-for-co2-transport-and-storage>

##### **Third-party intermediaries in the retail energy market: call for evidence**

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation seeking evidence on the activities of third-party intermediaries in the retail energy market and the extent to which they cause harm (or risk of harm) to customers and the energy system.

Opens: 16 August 2021 Closes: 6 December 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/third-party-intermediaries-in-the-retail-energy-market-call-for-evidence>

### **Designing a framework for transparency of carbon content in energy products: call for evidence**

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation seeking evidence to inform how they might develop a more transparent framework for communicating the carbon content of energy products to consumers.

Opens: 16 August 2021

Closes: 6 December 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/designing-a-framework-for-transparency-of-carbon-content-in-energy-products-call-for-evidence>

### **Hydrogen for heat: facilitating a grid conversion hydrogen heating trial**

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation seeking views on possible legislative changes to enable the delivery of a hydrogen grid conversion trial.

Opens: 17 August 2021

Closes: 28 September 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hydrogen-for-heat-facilitating-a-grid-conversion-hydrogen-heating-trial>

### **Design of a business model for low carbon hydrogen**

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation seeking views on the design for a low carbon hydrogen business model.

Opens: 17 August 2021

Closes: 25 October 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/design-of-a-business-model-for-low-carbon-hydrogen>

### **Designing the Net Zero Hydrogen Fund**

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation seeking views to inform the design of the Net Zero Hydrogen Fund (NZHF), which aims to support at-scale deployment of low carbon hydrogen production during the 2020s.

Opens: 17 August 2021

Closes: 25 October 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/designing-the-net-zero-hydrogen-fund>

### **Designing a UK low carbon hydrogen standard**

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation seeking views on design options for a UK standard that defines 'low carbon' hydrogen, to underpin our support for hydrogen production.

Opens: 17 August 2021

Closes: 25 October 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/designing-a-uk-low-carbon-hydrogen-standard>

### **Department for Culture, Media and Sport**

No updates

### **Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**

#### **Local Nature Recovery Strategies: how to prepare and what to include**

Defra is seeking views on how Local Nature Recovery Strategies should be prepared and what should be included. Local Nature Recovery Strategies are a new, England-wide system of spatial strategies that will establish priorities and map proposals for specific actions to drive nature's recovery and provide wider environmental benefits. The requirement for there to be



Local Nature Recovery Strategies, what they are and how they should generally work will be established by the Environment Bill once it completes its current passage through Parliament.

Opens: 10th August 2021

Closes: 2nd November 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-nature-recovery-strategies-how-to-prepare-and-what-to-include>

### Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

#### **Private parking charges, discount rates, debt collection fees and appeals charter: further technical consultation**

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on the detail of the levels of private parking charges and an appeals charter following the Parking code enforcement framework consultation.

Opens: 30 July 2021

Closes: 27 August 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/private-parking-charges-discount-rates-debt-collection-fees-and-appeals-charter-further-technical-consultation>

#### **National Infrastructure Planning Reform Programme: stakeholder survey**

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on as part of the review of the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Planning (NSIP) process and all its interactions.

Opens: 12 August 2021

Closes: 17 December 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/national-infrastructure-planning-reform-programme-stakeholder-survey>

### Department for Transport

#### **Key Route Networks: devolving more powers and responsibilities for locally important roads to metro mayors and their combined authorities**

The Department of Transport has opened a consultation to seek views on proposals to give metro mayors and their combined authorities greater decision-making powers and accountability for Key Route Networks (KRN).

Opens: 30th July 2021

Closes: 24th September 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/key-route-networks-devolving-more-powers-and-responsibilities-for-locally-important-roads-to-metro-mayors-and-their-combined-authorities>

#### **Review of Traffic Commissioners for Great Britain function**

The Department for Transport is reviewing the role, current duties, responsibilities and staffing of the Office of the Traffic Commissioner.

Opens: 11th August 2021

Closes: 8th September 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-traffic-commissioners-for-great-britain-function>

### HM Treasury

No updates

### Current committee consultations & inquiries



### **Transport Committee**

No updates

### **Science and Technology Committee**

No updates

### **Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee**

No updates

### **Business Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee**

No updates

### **EFRA Committee**

No updates

### **Environmental Audit Committee**

No updates

### **Public Accounts Committee**

No updates

### **Treasury Committee**

No updates

### **National Infrastructure Commission**

No updates

### **Misc of interest**

#### **Improving bus, cycling and walking between Bristol and Bath Ride**

The West of England Combined Authority has opened a consultation on improving bus, cycling and walking between Bristol and Bath.

Opens: 27 July 2021

Closes: 10 September 2021

<https://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/improving-bus-cycling-and-walking-between-bristol-and-bath/>

#### **Changing the cost of DVSA services for 2021 to 2022**

The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency have opened a consultation on proposed increases of about 1.5% to fees charged for Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) services, such as theory tests, driving tests and vehicle tests.

Opens: 5 August 2021

Closes: 2 September 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changing-the-cost-of-dvsa-services-for-2021-to-2022>

#### **Changes to HGV and bus driving tests and allowing car drivers to tow a trailer without an extra test**

The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency have opened a consultation to seek views on changes to HGV and minibus, bus and coach driving tests, and allowing car drivers to tow trailers without taking another test.

Opens: 10 August 2021

Closes: 7 September 2021



<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-hgv-and-bus-driving-tests-and-allowing-car-drivers-to-tow-a-trailer-without-an-extra-test>

**Water resources charge proposals from April 2022**

The Environment Agency has opened a consultation seeking views on their proposed charging approach for water resources abstraction and impounding licensing.

Opens: 18 August 2021

Closes: 10 November 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/water-resources-charge-proposals-from-april-2022>

**Beaver reintroduction and management in England**

Defra are seeking your views on our proposed approach to beaver reintroduction and management in England.

Opens: 24 August 2021

Closes: 17 November 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/beaver-reintroduction-and-management-in-england>