

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker December 2020

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

Green Paper: Transforming public procurement

The Cabinet Office has opened a consultation on a Green Paper: Transforming public procurement

Opens: 15 December 2020

Closes: 20 March 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/green-paper-transforming-public-procurement>

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Green Heat Network Fund: proposals for the scheme design

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on a Green Heat Network Fund: proposals for the scheme design.

Opens: 30 November 2020

Closes: 29 January 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/green-heat-network-fund-proposals-for-the-scheme-design>

Greenhouse gas removals: call for evidence

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on strengthening the government's evidence base on greenhouse gas removals (GGRs).

Opens: 4 December 2020

Closes: 26 February 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/greenhouse-gas-removals-call-for-evidence>

Aligning UK international support for the clean energy transition

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on Aligning UK international support for the clean energy transition

Opens: 12 December 2020

Closes: 8 February 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/aligning-uk-international-support-for-the-clean-energy-transition>

Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

Enabling a high renewable, net zero electricity system: call for evidence

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on Enabling a high renewable, net zero electricity system: call for evidence

Opens: 14 December 2020

Closes: 22 February 2021

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/943816/high-renewable-net-zero-electricity-system-cfe.pdf

Combined Heat and Power Quality Assurance: proposed temporary easements in response to the COVID-19 pandemic



The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on a Combined Heat and Power Quality Assurance: proposed temporary easements in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Opens: 15 December 2020

Closes: 29 January 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/combined-heat-and-power-quality-assurance-proposed-temporary-easements-in-response-to-the-covid-19-pandemic>

Improving the energy performance of privately rented homes

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on proposals around raising energy performance standards for the domestic private rented sector in England and Wales.

Opens: 18 December 2020

Closes: 8 January 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/improving-the-energy-performance-of-privately-rented-homes>

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

No updates

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

Hazardous Substances (Planning) Common Framework

The Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee has launched an inquiry into land-use planning for sites containing hazardous substances.

Opens: 1 December 2020

Closes: 14 December 2020

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/857/hazardous-substances-planning-common-framework/>

Provisional local government finance settlement 2021 to 2022: consultation

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on the local government financial settlement for 2021 to 2022.

Opens: 17 December 2020

Closes: 16 January 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/provisional-local-government-finance-settlement-2021-to-2022-consultation>

Department for Transport

Future of Transport: rural strategy – call for evidence

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation on rural mobility and transport innovation.

Opens: 24 November 2020

Closes: 16 February 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/future-of-transport-rural-strategy-call-for-evidence>

HM Treasury

No updates

Current committee consultations & inquiries

Transport Committee



Major transport infrastructure projects: appraisal and delivery

The House of Commons Transport Committee has launched an inquiry into major transport infrastructure projects and their appraisal and delivery.

Opens: 4 December 2020

Closes: 15 January 2021

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/887/major-transport-infrastructure-projects-appraisal-and-delivery/>

Zero emission vehicles and road pricing

The House of Commons Transport Select Committee has launched an inquiry into Zero emission vehicles and road pricing

Opens: 18 December 2020

Closes: 17 February 2021

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/900/zero-emission-vehicles-and-road-pricing/>

Science and Technology Committee

The role of hydrogen in achieving Net Zero

The House of Commons Science and Technology Committee has launched an inquiry into the role of hydrogen in achieving Net Zero.

Opens: 4 December 2020

Closes: 8 January 2021

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/890/the-role-of-hydrogen-in-achieving-net-zero/>

Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

Supporting housing delivery and public service infrastructure

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on supporting housing delivery and public service infrastructure.

Opens: 3 December 2020

Closes: 28 January 2021

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/supporting-housing-delivery-and-public-service-infrastructure?utm_source=fd936c75-fd82-43ef-aca6-68fbb301afc9&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

Local Authority Financial Sustainability and the Section 114 Regime

The House of Commons Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee has launched an inquiry into the scale and depth of financial sustainability issues within local authorities with the potential to lead to the issuing of S114 notices, including the effect of commercial investments and the impact of Covid-19, and the role of central government in helping councils avoid this outcome.

Opens: 3 December 2020

Closes: 22 January 2021

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/858/local-authority-financial-sustainability-and-the-section-114-regime/>

Business Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

No updates

EFRA Committee

Environmental Land Management and the agricultural transition



The House of Commons Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee has launched an inquiry into the Environmental Land Management and the agricultural transition.

Opens: 4 December 2020

Closes: 29 January 2021

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/886/environmental-land-management-and-the-agricultural-transition/>

Environmental Audit Committee

Water Quality in Rivers

The House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee has launched an inquiry into water quality in rivers. The EAC has previously inquired into nitrate pollution so this inquiry intends to focus on the water industry and urban diffuse pollution

Opens: 8 December 2020

Closes: 5 February 2021

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/891/water-quality-in-rivers/>

Public Accounts Committee

Managing flood risks

The House of Commons Public Accounts Select Committee has launched a new inquiry looking into managing flood risks.

Opens: 17 December 2020

Closes: 7 January 2021

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/905/managing-flood-risks/>

Treasury Committee

Spending Review 2020

Inquiry into the Government's Spending Review, 2020.

No date listed.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/841/spending-review-2020/>

National Infrastructure Commission

No updates

Misc of interest

Environment Agency

The Environment Agency has opened a consultation on the charges for duties the Environment Agency will do from 1 January 2021.

Opens: 7 December 2020

Closes: 29 January 2021

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/charge-proposals-for-repatriated-duties-uk-emissions-trading-scheme?utm_source=a3214fd9-9f3f-4db5-843b-52ac0981d42b&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

Supporting the UK's wireless future – Our spectrum management strategy for the 2020

The Office of Communications has opened a consultation on supporting the UK's wireless future.

Opens: 4 December 2020

Closes: 26 February 2021

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/consultations-and-statements/category-1/supporting-uk-wireless-future>



Decommissioning Authority: Business Plan 2021 to 2024

The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority has opened a consultation on its business plan 2021 to 2024.

Opens: 7 December 2020

Closes: 1 February 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/nuclear-decommissioning-authority-business-plan-2021-to-2024>

Trial to run bus lanes at all times on red routes

Transport for London has opened a consultation on a Trial to run bus lanes at all times on red routes.

Opens: 14 December 2020

Closes: 13 March 2022

https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/buses/all-day-bus-lanes-trial/consult_view/

Automated Vehicles - A regulatory framework for automated vehicles

The Law Commission has opened a consultation on Automated Vehicles - A regulatory framework for automated vehicles.

Opens: 18 December 2020

Closes: 18 March 2021

<https://www.lawcom.gov.uk/project/automated-vehicles/#automated-vehicles-cp-3-a-regulatory-framework-for-automated-vehicles>

