ADEPT: Consultation Tracker

February 2019

This document is tailored to provide a monthly overview of key consultations and committee inquiries (2016 onwards) relevant to the Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport.

**Department consultations**

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

**The future for small-scale low-carbon generation**

We're seeking views on the introduction of a mandatory supplier-led route to market for small-scale low-carbon generation: the Smart Export Guarantee (SEG).

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 5 March 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-future-for-small-scale-low-carbon-generation>

**31st Seaward Licensing Round Appropriate Assessment**

Consultation on the Appropriate Assessment of Blocks applied for in the 31st Seaward Licensing Round

This consultation closes at **5pm on 21 March 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/31st-seaward-licensing-round-appropriate-assessment>

**Automated vehicle trialling code of practice: invitation to comment**

Opportunity to comment on and amend the 2019 updated 'Code of practice: automated vehicle trialling'.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 6 May 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/automated-vehicle-trialling-code-of-practice-invitation-to-comment>

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

**Air quality: draft National Air Pollution Control Programme**

We're seeking views on the draft UK National Air Pollution Control Programme (NAPCP) and the estimated reductions we've used for each policy measure.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 14 March 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/air-quality-draft-national-air-pollution-control-programme>

**Introducing a Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) for drinks containers (bottles and cans)**

We are seeking views on proposals to introduce a deposit return scheme for drinks containers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 13 May 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/introducing-a-deposit-return-scheme-drs-for-drinks-containers-bottles-and-cans>

**Packaging waste: changing the UK producer responsibility system for packaging waste**

Seeking views on reforming the UK regulations on producer responsibility for packaging waste.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 13 May 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/packaging-waste-changing-the-uk-producer-responsibility-system-for-packaging-waste>

**Waste and recycling: making recycling collections consistent in England**

Seeking views on plans to make local authorities collect the same kind of materials for household recycling and on improving how businesses recycle in England.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 13 May 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/waste-and-recycling-making-recycling-collections-consistent-in-england>

**Plastic packaging tax**

Seeking views on the design of the tax on plastic packaging announced at Budget 2018.

This consultation closes at **11:59pm on 12 May 2019** (Joint consultation with HM Treasury)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/plastic-packaging-tax>

**Conservation covenants**

Seeking views on plans to introduce legislation for conservation covenants in England, allowing landowners to secure lasting conservation benefits.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 22 March 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/conservation-covenants>

**Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government**

**Tackling homelessness together**

This consultation seeks views on how the government could improve local accountability for the delivery of homelessness services.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 16 May 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/tackling-homelessness-together>

**Department for Transport**

**RVAR exemption: door closure warnings Docklands Light Railway Limited**

Rail accessibility exemption for door closure warnings on Docklands Light Railway network.

This consultation closes at 11:45pm on 24th March 2019-02-25

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/rvar-exemption-door-closure-warnings-docklands-light-railway-limited>

**Automated vehicle trialling code of practice: invitation to comment**

Opportunity to comment on and amend the 2019 updated 'Code of practice: automated vehicle trialling'.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 6 May 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/automated-vehicle-trialling-code-of-practice-invitation-to-comment>

**Light rail and other rapid transit solutions in cities and towns: call for evidence**

General call for evidence on how to better use and implement light rail and other rapid transit solutions in cities and towns.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 19 May 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/light-rail-and-other-rapid-transit-solutions-in-cities-and-towns-call-for-evidence>

**Pay-as-you-go on rail**

Proposals on extending the pay-as-you-go (PAYG) on rail.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 1 May 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/pay-as-you-go-on-rail>

**Taxi and private hire vehicle licensing: protecting users**

Consultation on statutory guidance for taxi and PHV licensing authorities.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 22 April 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/taxi-and-private-hire-vehicle-licensing-protecting-users>

**HM Treasury**

**Review of Small Brewer's Relief**

Seeking views from brewers on the current SBR scheme, and whether there is support for options to modify it.

This consultation closes at **11:59pm on 17 March 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-small-brewers-relief>

**Stamp Duty Land Tax: non-UK resident surcharge consultation**

Seeking views on the design of a 1% Stamp Duty Land Tax surcharge on non-UK residents purchasing residential property in England and Northern Ireland.

This consultation closes at **11:59pm on 6 May 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/stamp-duty-land-tax-non-uk-resident-surcharge-consultation>

**Department for Exiting the European Union**

No new consultations

**Current committee consultations & inquiries**

**Transport Committee**

No new inquires

**Science and Technology Committee**

**Work of the Centre for Data Ethics and Innovation inquiry**

This is a one-off session with Roger Taylor, the Chair of the newly established Centre for Data Ethics and Innovation. In particular, the Committee will be seeking information on the initial priorities of the Centre, as well as its powers, governance structure and budget. Other themes will include its relationship with stakeholders and the general public, both within the UK and internationally. **No end date listed.**

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/science-and-technology-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/work-of-the-centre-for-data-ethics-and-innovation-17-19/>

**The work of the biometrics commissioner and the forensic science regulator inquiry**

The Science and Technology Committee holds a one-off evidence session with the Biometrics Commissioner, Professor Paul Wiles, the Forensic Science Regulator, Dr Gillian Tully, and the Minister for Countering Extremism, Baroness Williams of Trafford, to follow up on the Committee's 2018 Report "Biometrics strategy and forensic services". **No end date listed.**

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/science-and-technology-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/work-of-biometrics-commissioner-and-forensic-science-regulator-17-19-17-19/>

**Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee**

No new inquiries

**Business Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee**

**Financing energy infrastructure inquiry**

The Committee will examine the outlook for future investment in energy infrastructure in the UK and will be looking at whether the Government needs a new approach to bring forward investment to deliver a low carbon, low cost energy system and secure energy supplies for the long term. **The deadline for written submissions is 3rd April 2019.**

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/business-energy-industrial-strategy/inquiries/parliament-2017/financing-energy-infrastructure-17-19/>

**EFRA Committee**

**Pre-appointment hearing with the Government’s preferred candidate for Chair of Natural England inquiry**

The Committee is holding a pre-appointment hearing for the Government’s preferred candidate to fill the post of Chair of Natural England. Natural England is an arms-length public body within the Defra Group and acts as a statutory advisor to Defra and a regulator. **No end date listed.**

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/environment-food-and-rural-affairs-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/pre-appointment-hearing-with-the-governments-preferred-candidate-for-chair-of-natural-england-17-19/>

**Draft National Policy Statement for Water Resources Infrastructure inquiry**

The Government has published a draft National Policy Statement (NPS) for Water Resources Infrastructure. It sets out the government’s policy for development of nationally significant infrastructure projects (NSIPs) for water resources in England. The final NPS will be used as the primary basis for decisions on development consent applications relating to water resources NSIPs. **No end date listed.**

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/environment-food-and-rural-affairs-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/water-resources-infrastructure-17-19/>

**Environmental Audit Committee**

**Toxic Chemicals in Everyday Life inquiry**

The Environmental Audit Committee launches an inquiry into the impact of toxic chemicals in everyday life on human health and the environment. The inquiry will focus on how toxic chemicals are used in everyday products, such as furniture, food and toys, current government regulation of these substances, and the environmental and human health problems associated with them. **No end date listed.**

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/environmental-audit-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/toxic-chemicals-in-everyday-life-17-19/>

**Exiting the European Union**

No new inquiries

**National Infrastructure Commission**

**Commission seeks views on future improvements to regulating essential services**

The National Infrastructure Commission today launched a call for evidence on what future changes may be required to ensure regulation of the energy, telecoms and water industries both supports investment and innovation while at the same time keeping costs down for consumers. **The deadline for responses is Friday 12 April.**

<https://www.nic.org.uk/news/commission-seeks-views-on-future-improvements-to-regulating-essential-services/>