ADEPT: Consultation Tracker

November 2018

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**The Offshore Environmental Civil Sanctions Regulations 2018: draft guidance**

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

We're seeking views on the draft guidance for The Offshore Environmental Civil Sanctions Regulations 2018.

**Closes at 11:45pm on 18 December 2018**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-offshore-environmental-civil-sanctions-regulations-2018-draft-guidance>

**Southern North Sea review of consents: draft Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)**

Seeking views on a draft Habitats Regulations Assessment for a review of consented wind farms in the Southern North Sea cSAC/SCI.

**Closes at 5pm on 13 December 2018**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/southern-north-sea-review-of-consents-draft-habitats-regulations-assessment-hra>

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

**UCI Road World Championships 2019 in Harrogate: general power of competence**

We are seeking views on a proposal to enable Harrogate borough council to host the race finish line for the 2019 UCI Road World Championships.

**Closes at 11:45pm on 17 January 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/uci-road-world-championships-2019-in-harrogate-general-power-of-competence>

**Considering the case for a Housing Court: call for evidence**

We are seeking views on the experiences of people using courts and tribunal services in property cases, including whether a specialist Housing Court is needed.

**Closes at 11:45pm on 22 January 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/considering-the-case-for-a-housing-court-call-for-evidence>

**Business rates treatment of self-catering accommodation**

This consultation seeks views on the council tax and business rates treatment of holiday lets.

**Closes at 11:59pm on 15 January 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/business-rates-treatment-of-self-catering-accommodation>

**Compulsory community pre-application consultation for shale gas development**

Seeks views on whether applicants should be required to conduct pre-application consultation with the local community prior to submitting a planning application for shale gas development.

**Closes at 11:45pm on 7 January 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/compulsory-community-pre-application-consultation-for-shale-gas-development>

**Department for Transport**

**RVAR exemption: four Nexus Metrocars**

Rail accessibility exemption for 4 Metrocar vehicles operated by Nexus on the Tyne and Wear Metro network from certain accessibility requirements.

**Closes at 11:45pm on 14 December 2018**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/rvar-exemption-four-nexus-metrocars>

**HM Treasury**

**Proposal for a New Approach to Building: Call for Evidence**

A consultation to understand how prepared the sector is to adapt to a new approach to building, to be adopted across government departments where it presents value for money.

**Closes on 11:45pm on 17 February 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposal-for-a-new-approach-to-building-call-for-evidence>

**Digital services tax: consultation**

Consultation on the detailed design and implementation of a Digital Services Tax that the government has announced will be introduced in April 2020.

**Closes at 11:59pm on 28 February 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/digital-services-tax-consultation>

**Department for Exiting the European Union**

No open consultations currently

**Current committee consultations & inquiries**

**Transport Committee**

No inquiries

**Science and Technology Committee**

**My Science Inquiry**

The House of Commons Science and Technology Committee has decided again to create an open opportunity for the science community and the wider public to suggest science and technology areas for scrutiny.

The deadline for proposals is **23.59** on **Monday 17 December**

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/science-and-technology-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/my-science-inquiry-17-19/>

**Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee**

**Funding and provision of local authorities’ children’s services inquiry**

The deadline for evidence submissions is **Tuesday 18 December**

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/housing-communities-and-local-government-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/inquiry12/>

**Business Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee**

**Future of audit inquiry**

This inquiry will focus on the likely impact of the CMA market study and the review of the FRC (by Sir John Kingman) in improving quality and competition in the audit market and reducing conflicts of interest. The Committee intends to feed into the CMA study and ensure audit reform is linked to coherent reform of the wider corporate governance agenda.

The deadline for written submissions is **Friday 11 January.**

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

**Energy efficiency inquiry**

This inquiry will examine whether the Government’s current delivery of energy efficiency improvements within residential, commercial and public-sector buildings is consistent with meeting targets set out in the Clean Growth Strategy, and our fourth and fifth carbon budgets.

Accepting written submissions. The deadline for submissions is **17 January 2019.**

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

**EFRA Committee**

No inquiries

**Environmental Audit Committee**

**Planetary Health inquiry**

The Environmental Audit Committee will investigate the effect of environmental damage and climate change on health. The inquiry will examine this emerging field, including the use of technology to mitigate risks, global interdisciplinary collaborations, and action taken by the UK Government. The Committee is particularly interested in the risks relating to nutrition for UK and global human populations.

The Committee invites written submissions on some or all of the following points by **Friday 21st December 2018**.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/environmental-audit-committee/news-parliament-2017/planetary-health-inquiry-launched-17-19/>

**Exiting the European Union**

No inquiries

**National Infrastructure Commission**

No inquiries