

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker August 2022

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.

Key dates:

Summer: Rise: 21 July 2022 - Return 5 Sept 2022

Conservative leadership result announced: 5 Sept 2022

Conference season: 22 Sept – 17 Oct 2022

Liberal Democrat Party Conference: 17 – 22 Sept 2022

Labour Party Conference: 25 – 28 Sept 2022

Green Party Conference: 30 Sept – 2 Oct 2022

Conservative Party Conference: 2 – 5 Oct 2022

Department consultations

Cabinet office

No updates

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Land rights and consents for electricity network infrastructure: call for evidence

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on the current land rights and consents processes for electricity network infrastructure.

Opens: 4 August 2022

Closes: 15 September 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/land-rights-and-consents-for-electricity-network-infrastructure-call-for-evidence>

Business model for power bioenergy with carbon capture and storage (Power BECCS)

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on proposals for a business model to incentivise deployment of power bioenergy and carbon capture (BECCS) within the UK.

Opens: 11 August 2022

Closes: 7 October 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/business-model-for-power-bioenergy-with-carbon-capture-and-storage-power-beccs>

Review of the energy intensive industries exemption scheme

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on Review of the energy intensive industries exemption scheme.

Opens: 12 August 2022

Closes: 16 September 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-the-energy-intensive-industries-exemption-scheme>

Renewable Heat Incentive: Temporary changes to wood pellets quality requirement

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on Renewable Heat Incentive: Temporary changes to wood pellets quality requirement.
Opens: 22 August 2022

Closes: 11 September 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/renewable-heat-incentive-temporary-changes-to-wood-pellets-quality-requirement>

Proposals for hydrogen transport and storage business models

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy is seeking views on hydrogen transport and storage infrastructure business model designs, regulatory arrangements, strategic planning and the role of blending.

Opens: 31 August 2022

Closes: 22 November 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposals-for-hydrogen-transport-and-storage-business-models>

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

No updates

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Technical consultation on the biodiversity metric

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on a biodiversity metric for measuring biodiversity net gain.

Opens: 2 August 2022

Closes: 27 September 2022

https://consult.defra.gov.uk/defra-net-gain-consultation-team/technicalconsultation_biodiversitymetric/

Consultation on the principles of marine net gain

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs is seeking views on its proposals for a net gain regime in the marine environment. This will inform the policy and approaches to marine net gain implementation.

Updated: 19 August 2022

Closes: 13 September 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-the-principles-of-marine-net-gain>

Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

Future of the IFRS 9 statutory override: mitigating the impact of fair value movements of pooled investment funds

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has opened a consultation on Future of the IFRS 9 statutory override: mitigating the impact of fair value movements of pooled investment funds.

Opens: 11 August 2022

Closes: 7 October 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/future-of-the-ifrs-9-statutory-override-mitigating-the-impact-of-fair-value-movements-of-pooled-investment-funds>



Leaseholder-owned buildings (11m+ or 5 storeys+): call for evidence

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has opened a consultation on leaseholder-owned buildings (11m+ or 5 storeys+).

Opens: 22 August 2022

Closes: 14 November 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/leaseholder-owned-buildings-11m-or-5-storeys-call-for-evidence/call-for-evidence-leaseholder-owned-buildings-11m-or-5-storeys>

Social housing rents consultation

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities is seeking views on a draft Direction to the Regulator of Social Housing. The Direction would require the Regulator to set a regulatory standard on rents that will apply to Registered Providers of social housing. This encompasses:

- Private Registered Providers (including housing associations)
- Local authority Registered Providers (i.e. local authorities with retained housing stock)

Opens: 31 August 2022

Closes: 12 October 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/social-housing-rents-consultation>

Department for Transport

Driving licensing review - call for evidence on opportunities for changes to the driver licensing regime

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation on opportunities for changes to the driver licensing regime.

Opens: 5 August 2022

Closes: 28 October 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/driving-licensing-review-call-for-evidence-on-opportunities-for-changes-to-the-driver-licensing-regime>

Driving licence flexibility for alternatively-fuelled vehicles

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation on Driving licence flexibility for alternatively-fuelled vehicles.

Opens: 9 August 2022

Closes: 4 October 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/driving-licence-flexibility-for-alternatively-fuelled-vehicles>

HM Treasury

No updates

Current committee consultations & inquiries

Business Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

No updates

Culture, Media and Sport Committee

No updates

EFRA Committee

No updates



Environmental Audit Committee

No updates

Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

No updates

Public Accounts Committee

The Affordable Homes Programme since 2015

The Public Accounts Committee has launched a new inquiry into the Affordable Homes Programme since 2015.

Opens: 23 August 2022

Closes: 14 September 2022

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/6892/the-affordable-homes-programme-since-2015/>

Science and Technology Committee

No updates

Transport Committee

No updates

Treasury Committee

No updates

National Infrastructure Commission

No updates

Misc of interest

Consultation on accelerating onshore electricity transmission investment

The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets has opened a consultation on supporting the accelerated delivery of strategic electricity transmission network upgrades needed to meet the Government's 2030 renewable electricity generation ambitions.

Opens: 8 August 2022

Closes: 6 September 2022

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/consultation-accelerating-onshore-electricity-transmission-investment>

Consultation on our proposal to issue a revised version of the Code for Adoption Agreements

The Water Services Regulation Authority has opened a consultation on the code for Adoption Agreements.

Opens: 23 August 2022

Closes: 23 August 2022

<https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/consultation/consultation-on-our-proposal-to-issue-a-revised-version-of-the-code-for-adoption-agreements/>

Self-driving vehicles: new safety ambition

The Centre for Connected and Autonomous Vehicles has opened a consultation on Self-driving vehicles: new safety ambition.

Opens: 19 August 2022

Closes: 14 October 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/self-driving-vehicles-new-safety-ambition>



Consultation under sections 12A and 13 of the Water Industry Act 1991 on proposed

modifications to Condition N: Fees of all water companies' licences

Ofwat has opened a consultation on sections 12A and 13 of the Water Industry Act 1991 on proposed modifications to Condition N: Fees of all water companies' licences.

Opens: 25 August 2022

Closes: 6 October 2022

<https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/consultation/consultation-under-sections-12a-and-13-of-the-water-industry-act-1991-on-proposed-modifications-to-condition-n-fees-of-all-water-companies-licences/>

Review of hybrid and distance working - Call for evidence

The Office of Tax simplification has launched a review looking for evidence of trends in relation to increasing numbers of people choosing to work in different ways, including across borders.

Opens: 31 August 2022

Closes: 25 November 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-hybrid-and-distance-working-call-for-evidence>

