

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker February 2023

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:

Spring Budget: 15 March 2023

Easter recess: 30 March – 17 April 2023

Coronation recess: 3 May – 9 May 2023

Whitsun recess: 25 May – 5 June 2023

Summer recess: 20 July – TBC 2023

Department consultations

Cabinet office

No updates

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

UK Low Carbon Hydrogen Certification Scheme

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on the design elements of a low carbon hydrogen certification scheme.

Opens: 9 February 2023

Closes: 28 April 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/uk-low-carbon-hydrogen-certification-scheme>

Smart Meter Targets Framework: minimum installation requirements for Year 3 (2024) and Year 4 (2025)

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on the annual tolerance levels that will apply to smart meter installation targets for energy suppliers in Great Britain in 2024 and 2025.

Opens: 7 February 2023

Closes: 21 March 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/smart-meter-targets-framework-minimum-installation-requirements-for-year-3-2024-and-year-4-2025>

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

Call for views on software resilience and security for businesses and organisations

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has opened a consultation on software resilience and security for businesses and organisations.

Opens: 6 February 2023

Closes: 1 May 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/call-for-views-on-software-resilience-and-security-for-businesses-and-organisations/call-for-views-on-software-resilience-and-security-for-businesses-and-organisations>

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Consultation on the Fourth Round of the Climate Adaptation Reporting Power

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on the Fourth Round of the Climate Adaptation Reporting Power.



Opens: 22 February 2023

Closes: 5 April 2023

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/climate-change-adaptation/fourth-round-adaptation-reporting-power/>

Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

Revised directions to Regulator of Social Housing: Tenant Involvement and Mutual Exchange

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has opened a consultation seeking views on revised Directions from the Secretary of State to the Regulator of Social Housing in relation to Tenant Involvement and Mutual Exchange.

Opens: 16 February 2023

Closes: 30 March 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/revised-directions-to-regulator-of-social-housing-tenant-involvement-and-mutual-exchange>

Council tax valuation of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs)

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has opened a consultation on the council tax valuation of Houses in Multiple Occupation, including the government's proposal of possible changes.

Opens: 17 February 2023

Closes: 31 March 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/council-tax-valuation-of-houses-in-multiple-occupation-hmos>

Permitted development rights: supporting temporary recreational campsites, renewable energy and film-making consultation

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has launched a consultation on their proposed changes to permitted development rights to support recreational camping, renewable energy and film-making.

Opens: 28 February 2023

Closes: 25 April 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/permitted-development-rights-supporting-temporary-recreational-campsites-renewable-energy-and-film-making-consultation>

Increasing planning fees and performance: technical consultation

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has opened a consultation on proposals to increase planning fees and to improve capacity, capability and performance within local planning authorities.

Opens: 28 February 2023

Closes: 25 April 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/increasing-planning-fees-and-performance-technical-consultation>

Department for Transport

Minimum service levels for passenger rail during strike action

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation on implementing minimum service levels for passenger rail services during periods of strike action.

Opens: 20 February 2023

Closes: 15 May 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/minimum-service-levels-for-passenger-rail-during-strike-action>



HM Treasury

The digital pound: A new form of money for households and businesses?

HM Treasury has opened a consultation seeking views on a digital pound.

Opens: 7 February 2023

Closes: 7 June 2023

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/paper/2023/the-digital-pound-consultation-paper>

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

Defra Recall: Environmental protection

The Public Accounts Select Committee has launched a new inquiry: Defra Recall: Environmental protection.

Opens: 15 February 2023

Closes: 10 April 2023

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/7317/defra-recall-environmental-protection/>

HS2 Euston

The Public Accounts Select Committee has opened a new inquiry looking at HS2 Euston.

Opens: 15 February 2023

Closes: 9 April 2023

<https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/3058/>

Science and Technology Committee

No updates

Transport Committee

Accessible transport: legal obligations

The House of Commons Transport Committee has opened an inquiry on the legal obligations to ensure accessibility in transport.

Opens: 2 February 2023

Closes: 20 March 2023

<https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/3029/>

Treasury Committee

No updates



National Infrastructure Commission

No updates

Misc of interest

Draft guidance on environmental sustainability agreements

The Competition and Markets Authority have opened a consultation on draft guidance on the application of the Chapter prohibition in the Competition Act 1998 to environmental sustainability agreements between businesses operating at the same level of the supply chain.

Opens: 27 February 2023

Closes: 11 April 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-guidance-on-environmental-sustainability-agreements>

The impact of environmental regulations on development

The House of Lords Built Environment Committee has today launched an inquiry into the impact of environmental regulations on development.

Opens: 23 February 2023

Closes: 31 March 2023

<https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/3062/>