

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker March 2025

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:

Easter recess: 08 - 22 April 2025

May Day: 01 – 06 May 2025

Local and mayoral elections: 01 May 2025

Department consultations

Cabinet Office

No updates

Department for Business and Trade (Business, Economy & Financial Services)

No updates

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

No updates

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

No updates

Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

Open call for evidence: Independent Water Commission

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has published an open call for evidence on issues related to the water sector in England and Wales.

Opened: 27 February 2025

Closes: 23 April 2025

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/independent-water-commission/independent-commission-on-the-water-sector-regulat/>

Open consultation: Decarbonisation readiness - proposed guidance

The Environment Agency has published an open consultation on proposed new guidance for operators of new or substantially refurbished electricity generators about how to plan for decarbonisation.

Opened: 28 February 2025

Closes: 9 May 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/decarbonisation-readiness-proposed-guidance>

Department for Justice and Home Affairs

No updates

Department for Health and Social Care

No updates

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

No updates

Department for Transport

New Towns: Practical Delivery

Built Environment Committee has opened an inquiry into the challenges and opportunities of delivering new towns in the UK.

Opened: 19 March 2025

Closes: 12 May 2025

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/9016/new-towns-practical-delivery/>

National Highways Yorkshire Northeast Regional Stakeholder Survey 2025

National Highways has opened a consultation to gather feedback from stakeholders on the 670-mile transport network in Yorkshire and the Northeast, supporting business growth, tourism, and infrastructure improvements.

Opened: 6 March 2025

Closes: 3 April 2025

<https://nationalhighways.citizenspace.com/he/yne-regional-stakeholder-survey-2025/>

National Highways Northwest Regional Stakeholder Survey 2025

National Highways has opened a consultation to seek stakeholder views on the 530-mile network in the Northwest, including key transport routes supporting Manchester, Liverpool, and major tourism destinations.

Opened: 6 March 2025

Closes: 3 April 2025

<https://nationalhighways.citizenspace.com/he/nw-regional-stakeholder-survey-2025/>

National Highways Midlands Regional Stakeholder Survey 2025

National Highways has opened a consultation on the Midlands' 1,800-mile motorway and A-road network, crucial for connecting cities like Birmingham and Leicester with the rest of the UK.

Opened: 6 March 2025

Closes: 3 April 2025

<https://nationalhighways.citizenspace.com/he/midlands-regional-stakeholder-survey-2025/>

National Highways East Regional Stakeholder Survey 2025

National Highways has opened a consultation to gather feedback on its 600-mile network in the East region, which connects economic hubs and ports with the wider UK transport network.

Opened: 6 March 2025

Closes: 3 April 2025

<https://nationalhighways.citizenspace.com/he/east-regional-stakeholder-survey-2025/>

National Highways Southeast Regional Stakeholder Survey 2025

National Highways has opened a consultation on its 1,967-mile network in the Southeast, supporting major routes to London, international airports, ports, and key tourism destinations.

Opened: 6 March 2025

Closes: 3 April 2025

<https://nationalhighways.citizenspace.com/he/se-regional-stakeholder-survey-2025/>

National Highways Southwest Regional Stakeholder Survey 2025

National Highways has opened a consultation on its 620-mile network in the Southwest, ensuring connectivity for tourism, industry, and key transport links to Wales and international ports.

Opened: 6 March 2025

Closes: 3 April 2025

<https://nationalhighways.citizenspace.com/he/sw-regional-stakeholder-survey-2025/>

HM Treasury

No updates

Current committee consultations & inquiries

Business and Trade Committee

No updates

Culture, Media and Sport Committee

No updates

EFRA Committee

No updates

Economic Affairs Committee

Preparing for an Ageing Society

Economic Affairs Committee has opened an inquiry on the economic and societal impacts of an ageing population in the UK.

Opened: 18 March 2025

Closes: 28 April 2025

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/9015/preparing-for-an-ageing-society/>

Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

No updates

Environmental Audit Committee

No updates

Housing and Communities and Local Government Committee

No updates

Public Accounts Committee

No updates

Science and Technology Committee

No updates

Transport Committee

No updates

Treasury Committee

No updates

Misc of interest