

## **ADEPT: Consultation Tracker**

### **January 2026**

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:**

**February recess:** 12 February – 23 February

**Spring Forecast:** 3 March

**Easter recess:** 26 March – 13 April

**May Day:** 4 May

**Local and mayoral elections:** 7 May

#### **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**

###### **Exploring the role of alternative clean heating solutions**

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation on low carbon heating technologies for properties unsuitable for heat pumps and heat networks.

Opened: 18 November 2025

Closes: 10 February 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/exploring-the-role-of-alternative-clean-heating-solutions>

###### **Home Energy Model: Energy Performance Certificates**

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation on how the Home Energy Model will be used to assess Energy Performance Certificates using new performance metrics.

Opened: 21 January 2026

Closes: 18 March 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/home-energy-model-energy-performance-certificates>

##### **Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs**

No updates

##### **Department for Justice and Home Affairs**

No updates

##### **Department for Health and Social Care**

No updates

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

### **National Planning Policy Framework: proposed reforms and other changes to the planning system**

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on a revised National Planning Policy Framework and other planning system changes.

Opened: 16 December 2025

Closes: 10 March 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/national-planning-policy-framework-proposed-reforms-and-other-changes-to-the-planning-system>

### **Single construction regulator prospectus**

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on proposals to establish a single regulator for the construction industry.

Opened: 17 December 2025

Closes: 20 March 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/single-construction-regulator-prospectus>

### **Environment and Climate Change Strategy 2026–2035**

Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead has opened a consultation on its refreshed environment and climate strategy to support net zero goals.

Opened: 19 January 2026

Closes: 2 March 2026

[https://rbwmtogether.rbwm.gov.uk/environment-and-climate-change-strategy-2?\\_gl=1\\*s9x6hc\\*\\_ga\\*NDY2MjlzODY4LjE3Njg5MjEyNDY.\\*\\_ga\\_B1S76ZFQXK\\*czE3Njg5MjEyNDUkbzEkZzAkDDE3Njg5MjEyNDgkajU3JGwwJGaw](https://rbwmtogether.rbwm.gov.uk/environment-and-climate-change-strategy-2?_gl=1*s9x6hc*_ga*NDY2MjlzODY4LjE3Njg5MjEyNDY.*_ga_B1S76ZFQXK*czE3Njg5MjEyNDUkbzEkZzAkDDE3Njg5MjEyNDgkajU3JGwwJGaw)

### **Social Tenant Access to Information Requirements (STAIRs) consultation**

Housing Ombudsman has opened a consultation on its new role in handling complaints under the Social Tenant Access to Information Requirements (STAIRs).

Opened: 20 January 2026

Closes: 17 March 2026

<https://www.engage.housing-ombudsman.org.uk/stairs>

### **Design and Placemaking Planning Practice Guidance**

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on the usability of consolidated planning practice guidance for design and placemaking.

Opened: 21 January 2026

Closes: 10 March 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/design-and-placemaking-planning-practice-guidance>

## **Department for Science, Innovation and Technology**

No updates

## **Department for Transport**

### **New HGV CO2 emissions regulatory framework for the UK**

Department for Transport and Office for Zero Emission Vehicles has opened a consultation on future regulations to support the transition to zero emission heavy goods vehicles.

Opened: 6 January 2026

Closes: 17 March 2026

[https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/new-hgv-co2-emissions-regulatory-framework-for-the-](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/new-hgv-co2-emissions-regulatory-framework-for-the-uk#:~:text=This%20consultation%20considers%20regulatory%20options,zero%20emission%20HGVs%20by%202040)

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### **Local transport authorities and the licensing of taxis and private hire vehicles**

Department for Transport has opened a consultation on making all local transport authorities in England responsible for taxi and private hire vehicle licensing.

Opened: 8 January 2026

Closes: 1 April 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-transport-authorities-and-the-licensing-of-taxis-and-private-hire-vehicles>

### **SAF revenue certainty mechanism: indicative heads of terms and contract allocation**

Department for Transport has opened a consultation on proposals for a sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) revenue certainty mechanism.

Opened: 12 January 2026

Closes: 3 April 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/saf-revenue-certainty-mechanism-indicative-heads-of-terms-and-contract-allocation>

### **HM Treasury**

No updates

### **Department for Work and Pensions**

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**

No updates

#### **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

#### **Local Transport Delivery Plan**

Liverpool City Region Combined Authority has opened a consultation on the draft Local Transport Delivery Plan for 2025 to 2040.

Opened: 12 January 2026

Closes: 22 February 2026

<https://lcrlistens.liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk/local-transport-plan/local-transport-delivery-plan/>

#### **Consultation on changes to the TI&A Standard**

Regulator of Social Housing has opened a consultation on proposed revisions to the Transparency, Influence and Accountability Standard and related requirements.

Opened: 9 December 2025

Closes: 3 March 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-changes-to-the-tia-standard>

#### **Draft Annual Plan and Budget 2026–27 consultation**

Financial Reporting Council has opened a consultation on its proposed priorities and resourcing for the 2026–27 financial year.

Opened: 15 December 2025

Closes: 6 February 2026

<https://www.frc.org.uk/consultations/draft-annual-plan-and-budget-2026-27-consultation/>

#### **Delivering the Neighbourhood Health Service: Estates**

Health and Social Care Committee has opened an inquiry on the estate infrastructure needed to support a shift to community-based NHS services.

Opened: 12 December 2025

Closes: 13 February 2026

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/9498/delivering-the-neighbourhood-health-service-estates/>

#### **Significant water management issues: river basin management plans**

Environment Agency has opened a consultation on challenges to help update river basin management plans.

Opened: 20 November 2025

Closes: 20 May 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/significant-water-management-issues-river-basin-management-plans>