ADEPT: Consultation Tracker
July 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:

- House of Lords Summer recess: 23rd July – 3rd September
- House of Commons summer recess: 16th July – 1st September
- Party conferences: 3 September – 7 October 2026 (provisional dates)

Department consultations

Cabinet Office
No updates

Department for Business and Trade (Business, Economy & Financial Services)
No updates

Department for Culture, Media and Sport
Reforming Consumer Protection for Home Upgrade Schemes
Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation on reforming the consumer protection system for home upgrades to support delivery of the Warm Homes Plan.
Opened: 17 June 2026
Closes: 10 September 2026
https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/reforming-consumer-protection-for-home-upgrade-schemes?utm_source=chatgpt.com

Department for Education
SEND reform: education otherwise than at school
Department for Education has opened a consultation on proposals to improve support, quality and oversight for children and young people who are educated outside of school.
Opened: 10 July 2026
Closes: 18 September 2026
https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/send-reform-education-otherwise-than-at-school

Upfront funding for mainstream schools: creating a 'local SEND inclusion formula'
The Department for Education has opened a public consultation on proposals for temporary arrangements to increase funding for mainstream schools to support pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).
Opened: 10 July 2026
Closes: 18 September 2026
https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/upfront-funding-for-mainstream-schools-creating-a-local-send-inclusion-formula

GCSE natural history proposed subject content
Department for Education has opened a consultation on the proposed subject content for a new GCSE in natural history in England.
Opened: 12 June 2026
Closes: 4 September 2026
https://consult.education.gov.uk/gcse-and-a-level-policy-team/gcse-natural-history-proposed-subject-content/

Department for Energy, Utilities, and Net Zero

Electricity distribution network charges: notice period options
The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets has opened a public consultation on options for the notice period for electricity distribution network charges during the transition to the RIIO-ED3 price control.
Opened: 9 July 2026
Closes: 20 August 2026
https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/consultation/draft-determinations-advanced-procurement-mechanism-re-opener-2026-riio-et3

Draft determinations: Advanced Procurement Mechanism re-opener 2026 (RIIO-ET3)
The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets has opened a public consultation on proposed changes to Advanced Procurement Mechanism allowances and the addition of a new Advanced Procurement Mechanism cost category for RIIO-ET3.
Opened: 13 July 2026
Closes: 31 July 2026
https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/consultation/draft-gas-transmission-reporting-and-guidance-riio-gt3

Draft gas transmission reporting and guidance (RIIO-GT3)
The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets has opened a public consultation on proposed annual reporting and guidance updates for the gas transmission sector during the RIIO-GT3 price control period.
Opened: 30 June 2026
Closes: 25 August 2026
https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/consultation/draft-gas-transmission-reporting-and-guidance-riio-gt3

Modifications to the Biomethane Connections UIOLI governance document
The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets has opened a public consultation on proposed changes to the Biomethane Connections Use It or Lose It (UIOLI) governance document to improve the flexibility of biomethane connection funding across gas distribution networks.
Opened: 6 July 2026
Closes: 20 July 2026
https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/consultation/modifications-biomethane-connections-uioli-governance-document

Updating the Offshore Transmission Cost Assessment Guidance
The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets has opened a public consultation on updating the Offshore Transmission Cost Assessment Guidance for assessing the economic and efficient costs of offshore transmission assets.
Opened: 13 July 2026
Closes: 7 September 2026
https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/consultation/updating-offshore-transmission-cost-assessment-guidance

Draft Data Communications Company (DCC) Remuneration Policy Guidance
The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets has opened a public consultation on draft guidance for the Data Communications Company Remuneration Policy to strengthen the link between senior manager remuneration, performance and value for money for consumers.
Opened: 8 July 2026
Closes: 5 August 2026
https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/consultation/draft-data-communications-company-dcc-remuneration-policy-guidance

Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs
No updates

Ministry of Justice & Home Office
Judicial review reforms: Beyond Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects
Ministry of Justice has opened a consultation on extending recent judicial review reforms for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects to other planning regimes in England and Wales.
Opened: 16 July 2026
Closes: 27 August 2026
https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/judicial-review-reforms-beyond-nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects

Department for Health and Social Care
No updates

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
Permitted development rights: schools, assets of community value, defence and conservation
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on proposed changes to permitted development rights covering schools affected by RAAC, assets of community value, closed defence sites and conservation measures within Environmental Delivery Plans.
Opened: 10 June 2026
Closes: 5 August 2026
https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/permitted-development-rights-schools-assets-of-community-value-defence-and-conservation

Improving proportionality and building safety outcomes in building control: emergency repairs under the higher-risk building regime
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on proposed changes to the emergency repairs route under the higher-risk buildings regime.
Opened: 9 July 2026
Closes: 3 September 2026
https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/improving-proportionality-and-building-safety-outcomes-in-building-control-emergency-repairs-under-the-higher-risk-building-regime

Best Value Duty: consultation on revised statutory guidance
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on revised statutory guidance for local and strategic authorities in England to comply with the Best Value Duty.
Opened: 15 July 2026
Closes: 7 October 2026
https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/best-value-duty-consultation-on-revised-statutory-guidance

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology
The marginal cost restriction on public sector data re-use: call for evidence
Department for Science, Innovation and Technology has opened a call for evidence on whether public bodies should have greater flexibility to charge above marginal costs for the re-use of public sector data.
Opened: 15 July 2026
Closes: 8 September 2026
https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/the-marginal-cost-restriction-on-public-sector-data-re-use-call-for-evidence

Data flows you can trust

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology has opened a call for evidence on whether the UK's data regime is enabling trusted data flows, seeking practical, experience-based insight.
Opened: 15 July 2026
Closes: 9 September 2026
https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/data-flows-you-can-trust

Department for Transport

Automated vehicles: statement of safety principles
Department for Transport has opened a consultation on the draft statement of safety principles for automated vehicles.
Opened: 17 June 2026
Closes: 9 September 2026
https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/automated-vehicles-statement-of-safety-principles?utm_source=chatgpt.com

In-use emissions of road vehicles: regulating environmental impacts
The Department for Transport has opened a public consultation on proposals to strengthen the law around emissions from road vehicles that are in use on Great Britain roads.
Opened: 6 July 2026
Closes: 6 September 2026
https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/in-use-emissions-of-road-vehicles-regulating-environmental-impacts

Bus Services Act 2025: improving information about local services
Department for Transport has opened a consultation on proposals to request and publish bus operators' data and develop a fully digital system for providing local bus service information.
Opened: 1 July 2026
Closes: 23 September 2026
https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/bus-services-act-2025-improving-information-about-local-services

HM Treasury

Tax Treatment of Predevelopment costs
HM Treasury has opened a consultation on the tax treatment of predevelopment costs and seeks views and evidence on current rules, the types of costs incurred, and their impact on investment decisions.
Opened: 13 July 2026
Closes: 21 September 2026
https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/tax-treatment-of-predevelopment-costs--2

Consultation on Reforming Land Remediation Relief
HM Treasury has opened a consultation on potential reforms to make Land Remediation Relief more accessible, better targeted, and more closely aligned with the practical realities of brownfield development.
Opened: 13 July 2026
Closes: 21 September 2026
https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-reforming-land-remediation-relief

Aligning the time limits for recovery of National Insurance contributions with Income Tax
HM Revenue & Customs has opened a consultation on proposals to align the recovery of National Insurance contributions with Income Tax and simplify the framework.
Opened: 13 July 2026
Closes: 12 October 2026
https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/aligning-the-time-limits-for-recovery-of-national-insurance-contributions-with-income-tax

Consultation on Simplifying Treaty Relief from Withholding Tax on Interest Paid Overseas
HM Revenue & Customs has opened a consultation on proposals to simplify the process for obtaining treaty relief in relation to withholding tax obligations on interest paid overseas.
Opened: 13 July 2026
Closes: 7 September 2026
https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-simplifying-treaty-relief-from-withholding-tax-on-interest-paid-overseas

Safeguarding Stability, Enabling Growth: Consultation on Ring-fencing Reform
HM Treasury has opened a consultation on proposed changes to the ring-fencing regime to make it more flexible, proportionate and responsive while maintaining financial stability safeguards.
Opened: 14 July 2026
Closes: 8 September 2026
https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/safeguarding-stability-enabling-growth-consultation-on-ring-fencing-reform

Modernising Payment Services Regulation
HM Treasury has opened a consultation on proposals to modernise payment services regulation to support innovation while maintaining strong consumer protections.
Opened: 14 July 2026
Closes: 6 October 2026
https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/modernising-payment-services-regulation

Department for Work and Pensions

The Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (General Levy) Regulations review 2026
The Department for Work and Pensions has opened a public consultation on proposed changes to the General Levy on occupational and personal pension schemes for the period from April 2027 to March 2030.
Opened: 14 July 2026
Closes: 8 September 2026
https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-occupational-and-personal-pension-schemes-general-levy-regulations-review-2026

The Value for Money Framework: Consultation
Department for Work and Pensions has opened a consultation on proposals for the Value for Money Framework to place investment outcomes, service quality and overall value at the centre of workplace pension provision.
Opened: 13 July 2026
Closes: 1 September 2026
https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-value-for-money-framework-consultation

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

Clean Power by 2030: Upgrading the grid
Public Accounts Committee has opened an inquiry on upgrading the electricity transmission network to support clean power by 2030.
Opened: 8 July 2026

Environmental Audit Committee
No updates

Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee
Devolving power in England
Public Accounts Committee has opened an inquiry on the implementation of devolution in England and oversight of Mayoral Strategic Authorities.
Closes: 17 August 2026
https://committees.parliament.uk/work/9902/devolving-power-in-england/publications/

Public Accounts Committee
No updates

Science and Technology Committee
No updates

Transport Committee
No updates

Treasury Committee
No updates

Misc of interest
Plastic Packaging Tax — mechanically recycled plastic packaging
HM Revenue & Customs has opened a consultation on the potential introduction of mandatory certification requirements for mechanically recycled plastic used for Plastic Packaging Tax purposes.
Opened: 18 May 2026
Closes: 10 August 2026
https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/plastic-packaging-tax-mechanically-recycled-plastic-packaging

Hurst Spit to Lymington Draft Strategy Consultation
Environment Agency has opened a consultation on the draft Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for the coastline between Hurst Spit and Lymington.
Opened: 19 June 2026
Closes: 25 September 2026
https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/solent-and-south-downs/hurst-spit-to-lymington-strategy-consultation/

Hurst Spit to Lymington Strategy - Strategic Environmental Assessment Consultation
Environment Agency has opened a consultation on the Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Hurst Spit to Lymington Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy.
Opened: 19 June 2026
Closes: 25 September 2026
https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/solent-and-south-downs/hurst-spit-to-lymington-sea-consultation/

Liverpool North Docks Mayoral Development Corporation
The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority has opened a consultation on Liverpool North Docks Mayoral Development Corporation.
Opens: 2 July 2026

Closes: 14 August 2026
https://lcrlistens.liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk/mdc/liverpoolnorthdocks/