

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker

July 2019

This document is tailored to provide a monthly overview of key consultations and committee inquiries (2016 onwards) relevant to the Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport.

Department consultations

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Energy Company Obligation (ECO3): improving consumer protection

We're seeking views on the Energy Company Obligation (ECO3) scheme, detailing proposed changes to the scheme which runs until 2022.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 6 August 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/energy-company-obligation-eco3-improving-consumer-protection>

Facilitating energy efficiency in the electricity system

We're seeking views on barriers and routes to market for energy efficiency to become reliable alternative to generation and network reinforcement.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 25 September 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/facilitating-energy-efficiency-in-the-electricity-system>

Reforming the energy industry codes

Government and Ofgem are seeking views on changes proposed to the energy codes governance framework.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 16 September 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/reforming-the-energy-industry-codes>

Flexible and responsive energy retail markets

As part of the Future energy market review, we're seeking views on our vision for future of the energy retail markets, including key opportunities and challenges.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 16 September 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/flexible-and-responsive-energy-retail-markets>

Capacity Market: carbon dioxide emissions limits

We're seeking views on proposals for making changes to the Capacity Market Rules in order to comply with new EU carbon dioxide emissions limits.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 6 September 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/capacity-market-carbon-dioxide-emissions-limits>

Regulated Asset Base (RAB) model for nuclear

We're seeking views from stakeholders on a proposed Regulated Asset Base (RAB) model for new nuclear power projects and its high-level design principles.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 14 October 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/regulated-asset-base-rab-model-for-nuclear>

Carbon capture, usage and storage (CCUS) projects: re-use of oil and gas assets



We're seeking views on the re-use of oil and gas assets for carbon capture, usage and storage (CCUS) projects.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 16 September 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/carbon-capture-usage-and-storage-ccus-projects-re-use-of-oil-and-gas-assets>

Carbon capture, usage and storage (CCUS): business models

We're seeking views on our emerging findings on potential new business models for carbon capture, usage and storage (CCUS).

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 16 September 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/carbon-capture-usage-and-storage-ccus-business-models>

Fuel poverty strategy for England

We're seeking views on proposals to update the 2015 fuel poverty strategy for England.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 16 September 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/fuel-poverty-strategy-for-england>

Standards for biodegradable, compostable and bio-based plastics: call for evidence

We're seeking evidence to help us develop standards for biodegradable, compostable and bio-based plastics, and an understanding of their environmental impacts.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 14 October 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/standards-for-biodegradable-compostable-and-bio-based-plastics-call-for-evidence>

Good Work Plan: Proposals to support families

We're seeking views on proposals to better support parents to balance work and family-life. Sections 2 and 3 (neonatal and transparency) close on 11 October.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 29 November 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/good-work-plan-proposals-to-support-families>

Good Work Plan: one-sided flexibility - addressing unfair flexible working practices

We are seeking views on the proposals made by the Low Pay Commission, to address the issue of 'one-sided flexibility'.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 11 October 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/good-work-plan-one-sided-flexibility-addressing-unfair-flexible-working-practices>

Statutory audit services: initial consultation on the Competition and Markets Authority recommendations

We're seeking views on the Competition and Market Authority's (CMA) proposed reforms to the statutory audit market.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 13 September 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/statutory-audit-services-initial-consultation-on-the-competition-and-markets-authority-recommendations>

Good work plan: establishing a new single enforcement body for employment rights

We're seeking views on options for establishing a single enforcement body to improve enforcement of employment rights for workers and businesses.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 6 October 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/good-work-plan-establishing-a-new-single-enforcement-body-for-employment-rights>



Hydro Benefit Replacement Scheme and Common Tariff Obligation

We're seeking views on 2 statutory schemes which protect North of Scotland consumers from the high costs of electricity distribution in that area.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 6 September 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hydro-benefit-replacement-scheme-and-common-tariff-obligation>

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

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Water conservation: measures to reduce personal water use

Seeking views and evidence on various measures for reducing personal water use.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 11 October 2019**

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/water/measures-to-reduce-personal-water-use/>

Fishing quota allocation: additional fishing quota in England

Seeking evidence to help inform the development of a new approach for the allocation of additional fishing quota in England after Brexit.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 30 August 2019**

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/fisheries/fishing-quota-allocation-developing-a-new-approach/>

Invasive alien species: management measures for widely spread species in England and Wales

Seeking views on proposed management measures for invasive alien species (also known as invasive non-native species) which are widely spread in England and Wales.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 12 September 2019**

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-management/invasive-alien-species-management-measures/>

Safeguarding the environment in British Overseas Territories: call for evidence

Seeking evidence to help develop plans on how the government can help protect marine and terrestrial biodiversity in the British Overseas Territories.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 26 July 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/safeguarding-the-environment-in-british-overseas-territories-call-for-evidence>

Flood and coastal erosion: call for evidence

We're seeking evidence on key flood and coastal issues to help develop a flood and coastal erosion and national infrastructure strategy.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 19 August 2019**

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/flooding/call-for-evidence-flooding-and-coastal-erosion/>

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

Homelessness Reduction Act 2017: call for evidence

We are seeking views on the implementation of the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 15 October 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/homelessness-reduction-act-2017-call-for-evidence>



Proposed merger of West Midlands pension funds

We are consulting on a proposal to merge 2 local government pension scheme funds - the West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority Pension Fund and West Midlands Pension Fund. This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 7 September 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-merger-of-west-midlands-pension-funds>

A new deal for renting: resetting the balance of rights and responsibilities between landlords and tenants

This consultation seeks views on implementing the government's decision to remove Section 21 of the Housing Act 1988 and improving section 8 eviction grounds.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 12 October 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/a-new-deal-for-renting-resetting-the-balance-of-rights-and-responsibilities-between-landlords-and-tenants>

Mobile homes: a fit and proper person test for park home sites

We are seeking views on proposals for a fit and proper test for park home site owners and managers.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 17 September 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/mobile-homes-a-fit-and-proper-person-test-for-park-home-sites>

Rogue landlord database reform

Seeks views on widening access and considering the scope of the database of rogue landlords and property agents.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 12 October 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/rogue-landlord-database-reform>

Local authority housing statistics: proposed changes

Consultation on changes to the local authority housing statistics.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 9 September 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-authority-housing-statistics-proposed-changes>

Tenancy deposit reform: a call for evidence

A call for evidence on barriers tenants face providing a second deposit, asking views on innovative approaches to help tenants move more easily.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 5 September 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/tenancy-deposit-reform-a-call-for-evidence>

Redress for purchasers of new build homes and the New Homes Ombudsman

We are seeking views on delivering a New Homes Ombudsman for buyers of new build homes.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 22 August 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/redress-for-purchasers-of-new-build-homes-and-the-new-homes-ombudsman>

Department for Transport

Street manager and street works permit scheme changes

Proposals to implement the street manager digital service plus conditional changes for street works permit schemes and the framework for road restrictions.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 13 September 2019**



<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/street-manager-and-street-works-permit-scheme-changes>

HS1 stations review (control period 3): draft decision

The Department for Transport's draft conclusions on the periodic review of the station long-term charge for the HS1 International stations for control period 3.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 11 August 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hs1-stations-review-control-period-3-draft-decision>

Electric vehicle smart charging

Proposals for regulations to ensure that electric vehicle chargepoints sold or installed in the UK have smart charging functionality included.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 7 October 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/electric-vehicle-smart-charging>

Electric vehicle chargepoints in residential and non-residential buildings

Proposals to alter existing residential and non-residential buildings regulations to include electric vehicle infrastructure requirements.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 7 October 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/electric-vehicle-chargepoints-in-residential-and-non-residential-buildings>

Carbon offsetting in transport: a call for evidence.

Explores consumer understanding of carbon emissions, options to offset emissions from ticketed travel and if providers should offer voluntary carbon offsets.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 26 September 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/carbon-offsetting-in-transport-a-call-for-evidence>

Consultation on revision to Harbour Order fees

Have your say on proposed options to revise the fee structure for HO applications

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 10 September 2019**

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/mmo/harbour-orders-consultation/>

Domestic shipping air pollution: call for evidence

Call to better understand maritime sector emissions and establish if government can do more to address this air pollution.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 11 January 2020**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/domestic-shipping-air-pollution-call-for-evidence>

HS2 Phase 2b design refinement consultation

Seeks views on proposed refinements to the Phase 2b (Crewe to Manchester and West Midlands to Leeds) line of route.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 6 September 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hs2-phase-2b-design-refinement-consultation>

HM Treasury

Financial Services Future Regulatory Framework Review

A Call for Evidence seeking views on regulatory coordination in the financial services sector.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 18 October 2019**



<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/financial-services-future-regulatory-framework-review>

Department for Exiting the European Union

No updates

Current committee consultations & inquiries

Transport Committee

Road safety: young and novice drivers inquiry

Young drivers aged 17-24 account for seven percent of the UK's driving licence holders but are involved in 20% of fatal and serious collisions.

Concerned about these high collision and casualty rates, the Transport Select Committee is launching an inquiry to scrutinise what action the Government is taking to reduce the risks of young and novice drivers being involved in a road traffic collision.

The deadline for written submissions is **30 August 2019**.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/transport-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/road-safety-young-novice-drivers-17-19/>

Road safety: mobile phones inquiry

As part of its wider inquiry into [road safety](#), the Transport Committee is taking evidence on road safety and mobile phones.

No deadline is listed.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/transport-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/road-safety-mobile-phones-17-19/>

Science and Technology Committee

Ageing: Science, Technology and Healthy Living Inquiry

While life span has increased over recent decades, health span, the period of time people live in good health, has generally not kept pace, and so older people are living longer with ill health. This inquiry will investigate how approaches from science and technology could be used to increase health span, to mitigate some of the negative effects of ageing, and to support older people living with poor health.

Deadline: **Friday 20 September 2019**

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/lords-select/science-and-technology-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/ageing-science-technology-and-healthy-living/>

Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

Progress on devolution in England inquiry

The Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee has launched a new inquiry into progress on devolution in England. The inquiry will scrutinise the impact of recently agreed devolution agreements and ask if the transfer of further powers to England's cities and regions can boost local economies and provision of public services.

The deadline for written submissions is **29 August 2019**

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/housing-communities-and-local-government-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/progress-devolution-england-inquiry-17-19/>

Business Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

The safety of electrical goods in the UK follow-up inquiry

In May 2018, Rachel Reeves MP, Chair of the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee, called for the Government's Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) to



consider a full recall of defective Whirlpool machines, following a series of potentially deadly safety issues with its tumble-dryers. Rachel Reeves wrote to Andrew Griffiths, then Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Corporate Responsibility, to press the Minister on what actions the Government and OPSS were taking to ensure Whirlpool were making defective and modified tumble-dryers safe.

No deadline is listed.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/business-energy-industrial-strategy/inquiries/parliament-2017/inquiry14/>

Pre-appointment hearing with the Government's preferred candidate for Chair of the Financial Reporting Council inquiry

On Wednesday 17 July, the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee will hold a pre-appointment hearing on the Government's preferred candidate for the post of Chair of the Financial Reporting Council (FRC), Simon Dingemans. The Financial Reporting Council is due to be replaced by the [Audit, Reporting and Governance Authority](#).

No deadline is listed.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/business-energy-industrial-strategy/inquiries/parliament-2017/inquiry15/>

EFRA Committee

The new farming programme inquiry

The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee hears from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the development of the new farming programme. This follows the publication in June of an early review of the programme by the National Audit Office. Likely topics for discussion include the capacity of the Department to implement the programme and the involvement of key stakeholders in its design and delivery.

No deadline is listed.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/environment-food-and-rural-affairs-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/new-farming-programme-17-19/>

Environmental Audit Committee

Net zero government inquiry

The Environmental Audit Committee inquiry will focus on the sustainability of the Government's estate and procurement processes and what action it needs to take to achieve its net zero emissions target by 2050 or sooner. It will incorporate the work previously conducted on the Greening Government Commitments inquiry.

The deadline for written submissions is **Thursday 15 August 2019**.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/environmental-audit-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/net-zero-government-17-19/>

Exiting the European Union

No updates.

National Infrastructure Commission

No updates.

