

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker March 2021

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.

Department consultations

Cabinet office

No updates

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive: ensuring a stable scheme

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on the Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive: ensuring a stable scheme. This consultation sets out proposals for the closure of the domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (DRHI) scheme to new applications on 31 March 2022.

Opens: 26 February 2021

Closes: 7 May 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/domestic-renewable-heat-incentive-ensuring-a-stable-scheme>

Introducing a performance-based policy framework in large commercial and industrial buildings

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on introducing a performance-based policy framework in large commercial and industrial buildings. This consultation sets out the government's proposals to introduce a national performance-based policy framework for rating the energy and carbon performance of commercial and industrial buildings above 1,000m² in England and Wales, with annual ratings and mandatory disclosure as the first step.

Opens: 17 March 2021

Closes: 9 June 2021

<https://beisgovuk.citizenspace.com/energy-efficiency/introducing-a-performance-based-policy-framework/>

UK Emissions Trading Scheme free allocation review: call for evidence

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on the UK Emissions Trading Scheme free allocation review.

Opens: 17 March 2021

Closes: 23 April 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/uk-emissions-trading-scheme-free-allocation-review-call-for-evidence>

Public transport ticketing scheme block exemption: call for evidence

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on public transport ticketing scheme block exemption.

Opens: 22 March 2021

Closes: 24 May 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/public-transport-ticketing-scheme-block-exemption-call-for-evidence>



Department for Culture, Media and Sport

Independent Review of Destination Management Organisations (DMOs) consultation

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has opened a consultation on the Independent Review of Destination Management Organisations.

Opens: 18 March 2021

Closes: 28 April 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/independent-review-of-destination-management-organisations-dmos-consultation>

Improving broadband for Very Hard to Reach premises

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has opened a consultation on improving broadband for Very Hard to Reach premises.

Opens: 19 March 2021

Closes: 11 June 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/improving-broadband-for-very-hard-to-reach-premises>

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Consultation on the Draft Policy Statement on Environmental Principles

The government is consulting on the draft policy statement on environmental principles which sets out how those five internationally recognised environmental principles should be interpreted and proportionately applied.

Opens: 10 March 2021

Closes: 02 June 2021

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/environmental-principles/draft-policy-statement/>

Consultation on the Waste Prevention Programme for England

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on the Waste Prevention Programme for England.

Opens: 18 March 2021

Closes: 10 June 2021

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/waste-prevention-programme-for-england-2021/>

Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on creating a scheme that incentivises producers to design packaging that is easy to recycle and ensure that they pay the full net cost of managing this packaging once it becomes waste. This is in line with the polluter-pays principle.

Opens: 24 March 2021

Closes: 4 June 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/packaging-and-packaging-waste-introducing-extended-producer-responsibility>

Introducing a Deposit Return Scheme in England, Wales and Northern Ireland

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on introducing a Deposit Return Scheme in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Opens: 24 March 2021

Closes: 4 June 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/packaging-and-packaging-waste-introducing-extended-producer-responsibility>



Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

Local government and the path to net zero

The House of Commons Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee has launched an inquiry into local government and the path to net zero. The aim of the inquiry is to scrutinise the government's plans to make all new homes "zero carbon ready" by 2025, through the introduction of the Future Homes Standards, and to explore how local government can help the UK to reduce its carbon emissions to "net zero" by 2050, including by incentivising and decarbonising public transport and facilitating green growth.

Opens: 10 March 2021

Closes: 30 April 2021

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/1081/local-government-and-the-path-to-net-zero/>

Local authority remote meetings: call for evidence

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on the use of the current arrangements which have allowed local authorities to hold meetings remotely or in a hybrid format during the coronavirus pandemic.

Opens: 25 March 2021

Closes: 17 June 2021

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-authority-remote-meetings-call-for-evidence?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=ff4802b3-15c7-4720-a13d-a85cff79f6d0&utm_content=immediately

Department for Transport

No updates

HM Treasury

Consultation on aviation tax reform

HM Treasury has opened a consultation on aviation tax reform.

Opens: 23 March 2021

Closes: 14 June 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-aviation-tax-reform>

Current committee consultations & inquiries

Transport Committee

The roll-out and safety of smart motorways

The House of Commons Transport Select Committee has launched an inquiry into the roll-out and safety of smart motorways. This inquiry will look at the safety of smart motorways and public confidence in their use as well as their impact upon congestion.

Opens: 26 February 2021

Closes: 10 April 2021

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/1066/the-rollout-and-safety-of-smart-motorways/>

Science and Technology Committee

No updates

Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

Permitted development rights

The House of Commons Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee has launched an inquiry into the Government's recent and proposed changes to permitted



development rights in respect of large-scale development, commercial-to-residential conversions and changes of use between different types of commercial and retail premises.

Opens: 23 March 2021

Closes: 30 April 2021

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/1131/permitted-development-rights/>

Business Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

No updates

EFRA Committee

No updates

Environmental Audit Committee

Sustainability of the built environment

The House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee has launched an inquiry into the sustainability of the built environment. It will look at the best routes to net zero for our future building needs from low carbon materials through to policies to minimise the whole life carbon impact of new buildings.

Opens: 25 March 2021

Closes: 15 May 2021

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/1147/sustainability-of-the-built-environment/>

Public Accounts Committee

No updates

Treasury Committee

No updates

National Infrastructure Commission

No updates

Misc of interest

Future Governance of the UK

The House of Lords Constitution Committee has launched an inquiry into the future governance of the UK. The committee is exploring how power can best be shared within the UK to establish stable and effective governance arrangements throughout the UK for the 21st century.

Opens: 19 March 2021

Closes: 30 April 2021

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/1127/future-governance-of-the-uk/>

Environmental permitting: standard rules consultation no 23

The Environment Agency has opened a consultation on environmental permitting: standard rules consultation no 23. The Environment Agency are seeking views on standard rules sets for clinical and healthcare waste transfer stations and treatment of healthcare waste.

Opens: 29 March 2021

Closes: 10 May 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/environmental-permitting-standard-rules-consultation-no-23>

