ADEPT: Consultation Tracker

October 2018

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**

**Creating a responsible payment culture: a call for evidence on tackling late payment**

We're seeking views and experiences on the impact of unfair payment practices, and proposals for measures to create a more responsible payment culture.

**Closes on 11:45pm on 29 November 2018**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/creating-a-responsible-payment-culture-a-call-for-evidence-on-tackling-late-payment>

**Ethnicity pay reporting**

We're seeking views on ethnicity pay reporting by employers.

**Closes on 11:45pm on 11 January 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/ethnicity-pay-reporting>

**Renewable Heat Incentive: biomass combustion in urban areas**

Proposed changes to the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) to exclude further support for biomass installations in urban areas on the gas grid.

**Closes on 11:45pm on 27 November 2018**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/renewable-heat-incentive-biomass-combustion-in-urban-areas>

**Encouraging innovation in regulated utilities**

Seeking views on how to encourage further innovation in the utilities sectors.

**Closes on 11:59pm on 15 January 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/encouraging-innovation-in-regulated-utilities>

**Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**

**Draft noise action plans (2018)**

Seeking views on three draft Noise Action Plans covering roads, railways and agglomerations (large urban areas).

**Closes on 11:45pm on 15 November 2018**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-noise-action-plans-2018>

**Introducing Inshore Vessel Monitoring Systems (I-VMS) for fishing boats under 12m**

Seeking views on introducing I-VMS for all UK licenced fishing boats under 12 metres that are fishing in English waters.

**Closes on 5pm on 14 November 2018**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/introducing-inshore-vessel-monitoring-systems-i-vms-for-fishing-boats-under-12m>

**Geographical Indications (GI): creating UK schemes after EU exit**

Seeking views on proposed changes to GI schemes (including the protected food name scheme) to bring these into UK law after EU exit.

**Closes on 11:45pm on 1 November 2018**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/geographical-indications-gi-creating-uk-schemes-after-eu-exit>

**Protected Food Name scheme: improving enforcement**

Seeking views on improving enforcement of the Protected Food Name scheme by introducing civil penalties including fines up to £40,000.

**Closes on 11:45pm on 2 November 2018**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/protected-food-name-scheme-improving-enforcement>

**Air quality: identifying taxi and private hire vehicles in charging Clean Air Zones**

Seeking views on how we plan to create a centralised database to identify taxi and private hire vehicles entering charging Clean Air Zones.

**Closes on 11:45pm on 2 November 2018**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/air-quality-identifying-taxi-and-private-hire-vehicles-in-charging-clean-air-zones>

**Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) compliance fee 2018**

Seeking views on whether we should set a compliance fee for 2018. We also want your views on two proposals for managing this year’s fee.

**Closes on 11:45pm on 18 November 2018**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/waste-electrical-and-electronic-equipment-weee-compliance-fee-2018>

**Food and natural mineral water: amending laws in England**

Seeking views on amending food laws in England to make sure they remain operable when the UK leaves the European Union.

**Closes on 11:45pm on 13 November 2018**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/food-and-natural-mineral-water-amending-laws-in-england>

**Landscapes review (National Parks and AONBs): call for evidence**

We’re asking for information to inform our review into making sure our national parks and AONBs in England are fit for the 21st century.

**Closes on 11:45pm on 18 December 2018**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/landscapes-review-national-parks-and-aonbs-call-for-evidence>

**Single use plastic: banning the distribution and/or sale of plastic straws, stirrers and plastic-stemmed cotton buds in England**

Seeking views on plans to ban the distribution and/or sale of plastic straws, stirrers and plastic-stemmed cotton buds in England.

**Closes on 11:45pm on 3 December 2018**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/single-use-plastic-banning-the-distribution-andor-sale-of-plastic-straws-stirrers-and-plastic-stemmed-cotton-buds-in-england>

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

**Local government pension scheme: technical amendments to benefits**

We are consulting on amendments to the local government pension scheme which are necessary to respond to recent legal judgements and meet existing policy objectives.

**Closes on 11:45pm on 29 November 2018**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-pension-scheme-technical-amendments-to-benefits>

**Implementing reforms to the leasehold system**

We are seeking views on how to implement the government’s reforms to the leasehold system in England to improve the housing market for consumers.

**Closes on 11:45pm on 26 November 2018**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/implementing-reforms-to-the-leasehold-system>

**Changes to planning policy and guidance including the standard method for assessing local housing need**

We are seeking views on changes to planning practice guidance on the standard method for assessing local housing need.

**Closes on 11:45pm on 7 December 2018**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-planning-policy-and-guidance-including-the-standard-method-for-assessing-local-housing-need>

**Planning reform: supporting the high street and increasing the delivery of new homes**

Consultation on a package of measures to provide greater planning certainty to support the high street and ensure that we can deliver new homes in the right places, and without delay.

**Closes on 11:45pm on 14 January 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-reform-supporting-the-high-street-and-increasing-the-delivery-of-new-homes>

**Private shared homeownership: call for proposals**

Seeking proposals from private investors, delivery organisations or partnerships between them to provide new routes into affordable homeownership.

**Closes on 11:45pm on 1 February 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/private-shared-homeownership-call-for-proposals>

**Department for Transport**

**Air quality: identifying taxi and private hire vehicles in charging Clean Air Zones**

Seeking views on how we plan to create a centralised database to identify taxi and private hire vehicles entering charging Clean Air Zones.

**Closes on 11:45pm on 2 November 2018**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/air-quality-identifying-taxi-and-private-hire-vehicles-in-charging-clean-air-zones>

**HM Treasury**

**Digital Competition Expert Panel: Call For Evidence**

Call for evidence from the independent expert panel looking at competition in the digital economy.

**Closes on 11:59pm on 7 December 2018**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/digital-competition-expert-panel-call-for-evidence>

**New Build Developments: Delivering gigabit-capable connections**

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport is seeking views on proposals to mandate that new build homes are able to access gigabit-capable connections.

**Closes on 11:59pm on 21 December 2018**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/new-build-developments-delivering-gigabit-capable-connections>

**Ensuring tenants’ access to gigabit-capable connections**

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport is seeking views on proposals to make it easier for commercial and residential tenants to access high quality and reliable broadband.

**Closes on 11:59pm on 21 December 2018**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/ensuring-tenants-access-to-gigabit-capable-connections>

**Breathing space scheme: consultation on a policy proposal**

Seeking views on a detailed policy proposal for a breathing space and statutory debt repayment plan.

**Closes on 11:59pm on 29 January 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/breathing-space-scheme-consultation-on-a-policy-proposal>

**Department for Exiting the European Union**

No open consultations currently

**Current committee consultations & inquiries**

**Transport Committee**

No inquiries

**Science and Technology Committee**

No inquiries

**Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee**

No inquiries

**Business Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee**

No inquiries

**EFRA Committee**

No inquiries

**Environmental Audit Committee**

No inquiries

**Exiting the European Union**

No inquiries

**National Infrastructure Commission**

 No inquiries