

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker October 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 Proposals for heat network zoning

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on proposals for heat network zoning.

Opens: 8 October 2021

Closes: 19 November 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposals-for-heat-network-zoning>

Phasing out the installation of fossil fuel heating in homes off the gas grid

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on the phase out the installation of fossil fuel heating systems in homes off the gas grid.

Opens: 19 October 2021

Closes: 12 January 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/phasing-out-fossil-fuel-heating-in-homes-off-the-gas-grid>

Phasing out fossil fuel heating systems in businesses and public buildings off the gas grid

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on proposals to phase out fossil fuel heating system installations in businesses and public buildings off the gas grid.

Opens: 19 October 2021

Closes: 12 January 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/phasing-out-fossil-fuel-heating-systems-in-businesses-and-public-buildings-off-the-gas-grid>

Market-based mechanism for low carbon heat

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on the introduction of a market-based mechanism to support investment and innovation in transforming the consumer proposition for heat pumps.

Opens: 19 October 2021

Closes: 12 January 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/market-based-mechanism-for-low-carbon-heat>

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

Wireless Infrastructure Strategy: call for evidence

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has opened a consultation on the future of wireless networks in the UK.

Opens: 14 October 2021

Closes: 25 November 2021



<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/wireless-infrastructure-strategy-call-for-evidence>

Project Gigabit Programme: Open Market Review request for information - Second Release of Phase 2

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has opened a consultation on an Open Market Review request for information from broadband network providers operating in intervention areas identified in the second release of Phase 2 of Project Gigabit.

Opens: 20 October 2021

Closes: 22 November 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/project-gigabit-programme-open-market-review-request-for-information-second-release-of-phase-2>

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Water abstraction and impounding licensing in England: changes to the regulatory framework

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation seeking views on their plans to move water abstraction and impounding licensing into the Environmental Permitting Regulations regime.

Opens: 29 September 2021

Closes: 22 December 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/water-abstraction-and-impounding-licensing-in-england-changes-to-the-regulatory-framework>

Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

No updates

Department for Transport

Creating a Road Collision Investigation Branch (RCIB)

The Department for Transport is seeking views on the creation of a dedicated body to investigate the causes of road traffic collisions.

Opens: 28th October 2021

Closes 9th December 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/creating-a-road-collision-investigation-branch-rcib>

HM Treasury

No updates

Current committee consultations & inquiries

Business Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

No updates

EFRA Committee

No updates

Environmental Audit Committee

No updates

Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

No updates



Public Accounts Committee

Covid-19: Cost tracker update (+ Spending Review)

The House of Commons Public Accounts Committee has opened an inquiry on the accumulating costs of spending on the pandemic response and the balance of spending decisions outlined in the Review and Budget 2021.

Opens: 20 October 2021

Closes: 10 November 2021

<https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/606/>

Science and Technology Committee

No updates

Transport Committee

No updates

Treasury Committee

No updates

National Infrastructure Commission

No updates

Misc of interest

Environmental sustainability advice to government: Call for inputs

The Competition and Markets Authority has opened a consultation seeking input to help inform the advice they will provide to government on how competition and consumer regimes could better support the UK's net zero and environmental sustainability goals.

Opens: 29 September 2021

Closes: 10 November 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/environmental-sustainability-advice-to-government-call-for-inputs>

Draft Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs): 2021 to 2027

The Environment Agency has opened a consultation seeking views on draft Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs) to inform the final plans on managing flood risk. Opens: 22 October 2021 Closes: 21 January 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-flood-risk-management-plans-frmps-2021-to-2027>

River basin planning: draft river basin management plans

The Environment Agency has opened a consultation seeking views on the draft plans to help shape the management of the water environment. They will help us update the current river basin management plans.

Opens: 22 October 2021

Closes: 22 April 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/river-basin-planning-draft-river-basin-management-plans>