

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker July 2020

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

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Combined Heat and Power (CHP): the route to 2050 - call for evidence

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on the current benefits from Combined Heat and Power (CHP), the future role of CHP generation in achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, and supporting green recovery and how the technology might support the decarbonisation of heat and industry.

Opens: 12 June 2020

Closes: 4 September 2020

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/combined-heat-and-power-chp-the-route-to-2050-call-for-evidence?utm_source=4a81e074-df1c-4042-a691-41b769016136&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

UK internal market: policy option proposals

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on the UK internal market white paper sets out policy options to enshrine in law 2 principles. The Department would like views on these options from businesses, academics, consumer groups and trade unions, but the consultation is open to anyone who has an interest.

Opens: 16 July 2020

Closes: 13 August 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/uk-internal-market-policy-option-proposals>

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

No updates

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

Supporting our high streets after COVID-19

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has launched a new inquiry on to examine how high streets can survive the economic and social consequences of Covid-19.

Opens: 15 July 2020

Closes: TBC

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/446/supporting-our-high-streets-after-covid19/>

Department for Transport

Creating a plan to decarbonise transport: call for ideas The Department for Transport has opened a consultation seeking views on the plan builds from the information in 'Decarbonising transport: setting the challenge' released in March 2020.

Opens: 8 July 2020

Closes: 31 August 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/creating-a-plan-to-decarbonise-transport-call-for-ideas>

Roads policing review: future methods to improve safety and reduce casualties The Department for Transport has opened a consultation reviewing existing roads policing to identify which current methods are most effective, understand how the capability and capacity of enforcement services can be enhanced to improve safety and reduce future casualties on roads.

Opens: 13 July 2020

Closes: 5 October 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/roads-policing-review-future-methods-to-improve-safety-and-reduce-causalities>

Regulating CO2 emission standards for new cars and vans after transition

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation on the plans for a CO2 emissions regulatory scheme for new cars and vans registered in the UK after the EU transition period ends.

Opens: 10 July 2020

Closes: 21 August 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/regulating-co2-emission-standards-for-new-cars-and-vans-after-transition>

Review of The Highway Code to improve road safety for cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation on a Review of The Highway Code to improve road safety for cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders.

Opens: 28 July 2020

Closes: 27 October 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-the-highway-code-to-improve-road-safety-for-cyclists-pedestrians-and-horse-riders>

Increasing the renewable transport fuel obligation buy-out price for biofuels suppliers

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation on proposals to increase the renewable transport fuel obligation (RTFO) buy-out price for fuels suppliers in order to continue greenhouse gas savings.

Opens: 28 July 2020

Closes: 11 August 2020

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/increasing-the-renewable-transport-fuel-obligation-buy-out-price-for-biofuels-suppliers?utm_source=b2014114-28b4-4bda-892e-66a7c0b32f9d&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

HM Treasury

Consultation on reforms to the tax treatment of red diesel and other rebated fuels

HM Treasury has opened a consultation seeks views on whether the government has overlooked any exceptional reasons why other sectors should be allowed to continue to use red diesel beyond April 2022. The document asks for views on the government's proposals for implementing the changes announced at Budget, and is also seeking further information about the current end uses of other rebated fuels, such as non-aviation kerosene and fuel oil.

Opens: 9 July 2020

Closes: 1 October 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-reforms-to-the-tax-treatment-of-red-diesel-and-other-rebated-fuels>

HM Treasury fundamental review of business rates: call for evidence

The HM Treasury has opened a consultation on seeks views on how the business rates system currently works, issues to be addressed, ideas for change and a number of alternative taxes.



The government committed to conduct a fundamental review of business rates and published the terms of reference for the review at the Spring Budget.

Opens: 21 July 2020

Closes: 18 September 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hm-treasury-fundamental-review-of-business-rates-call-for-evidence>

Current committee consultations & inquiries

Business Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

Post-Pandemic Economic Growth super-inquiry launched by BEIS Committee

The Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Select Committee has launched an inquiry into post-pandemic economic growth. It will look at the options available to Government to secure our economic recovery from the impact of Covid-19; covering investment, industrial strategy, jobs, skills, exports and sustainable growth.

Opens: 3 June 2020

Closes: 17 July 2020

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/342/postpandemic-economic-growth/>

Post-pandemic economic growth: Levelling up - local and regional structures and the delivery of economic growth

This sub-inquiry - Levelling up: local and regional structures and the delivery of economic growth - forms part of the Committee's overall 'super-inquiry' into Post-Pandemic Economic Growth. Our 'levelling up' inquiry will look at how local and regional government structures (including the role of powerhouses, local enterprise partnerships and growth hubs, city and regional mayoralities, and councils) could be reformed or better equipped to deliver growth locally.

Opens: 24 July 2020

Closes: 17 September 2020

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/473/postpandemic-economic-growth-levelling-up-local-and-regional-structures-and-the-delivery-of-economic-growth/>

Industrial Strategy inquiry

The House of Commons Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee has launched an inquiry that will look into looking at the barriers to growth. This new sub-inquiry forms part of the Committee's overall 'super-inquiry' into Post-Pandemic Economic Growth.

Opens: 23 July 2020

Closes: 1 September 2020

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/469/postpandemic-economic-growth-industrial-strategy/>

EFRA Committee

No new inquiries

Environmental Audit Committee

Greening the post-Covid recovery

In May the Committee held a session on the environmental implications of the Covid-19 crisis. Witnesses stressed how critical it would be to align the post-crisis recovery stimulus with the UK's goals on climate change, biodiversity and sustainable development – given the short window of opportunity remaining to keep global temperature rises to a manageable level. The Committee has since agreed to launch an inquiry looking at how to align any post-pandemic economic stimulus package with the UK's climate and environment goals.

Opens: 29 June 2020



Closes: 14 August 2020

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/306/greening-the-postcovid-recovery/>

Biodiversity and Ecosystems

The Environmental Audit Committee (EAC) has launched a new inquiry, Biodiversity and Ecosystems, that will consider how best to protect and enhance biodiversity while considering nature-based solutions to climate change.

Opens: 14 July 2020

Closes: 11 September 2020

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/448/Biodiversity/>

Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

Supporting our high streets after COVID-19

The Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee has announced a new inquiry to examine how high streets can survive the economic and social consequences of Covid-19.

Opens: 15 July 2020

Closes: 14 September 2020

<https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/201/supporting-our-high-streets-after-covid19/>

National Infrastructure Commission

No new inquiries

Science and Technology Committee

How can technology, research and innovation support the UK's economic recovery

The House of Commons Science and Technology Committee has launched an inquiry into the role of technology, research and innovation in the COVID-19 recovery. Given previous UKRI figures estimate that every £1 spent on research and development delivers £7 in economic and social benefit, the Committee is interested in the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on the sector, and will seek to conclude how technology, research and innovation can be supported to aid economic growth.

Opens: 24 July 2020

Closes: 11 September 2020

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/474/the-role-of-technology-research-and-innovation-in-the-covid19-recovery/>

Transport Committee

Reforming public transport after the pandemic

The House of Commons Transport Committee has launched an inquiry that will take a holistic look at how public transport is changing and the implications for current government strategies including the Williams Rail Review, bus strategy, walking and cycling, taxis and private hire vehicles.

Opens: 24 July 2020

Closes: 24 September 2020

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/470/reforming-public-transport-after-the-pandemic/>

Treasury Committee

Decarbonisation of the UK economy and green finance inquiry relaunched

The Treasury Committee has announced today that it is relaunching the inquiry to seek additional written evidence on how and whether the UK's response to coronavirus should take the Government's net zero carbon emissions by 2050 target into account.

Opens: 24 July 2020



Closes: 28 August 2020

<https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/158/treasury-committee/news/147560/decarbonisation-of-the-uk-economy-and-green-finance-inquiry-relaunched/>

Misc of interest

Incentive on Connections Engagement consultation on the Distribution Network Operators' 2020 submissions

The Office of Communications has opened a consultation seeking your views on how well the distribution network operators (DNOs) engage with their connections stakeholders to ensure they are delivering a service that meets these customers' needs. This will be crucial in helping the UK to decarbonise its economy, and move to a smarter, more flexible energy system.

Opens: 3 July 2020

Closes: 28 August 2020

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/incentive-connections-engagement-consultation-distribution-network-operators-2020-submissions>

London Streetspace Programme

Transport for London has opened a consultation on the London Streetspace Programme. London's recovery from the coronavirus pandemic will require everyone to find new ways of working and travelling. We are working with London's local authorities to deliver the Streetspace programme, which will help people to walk and cycle more often, to relieve pressure on our roads and public transport networks.

Opens: 1 July 2020

Closes: 31 December 2020

https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/general/streetspace/consult_view/

Appropriate measures for the biological treatment of waste

The Environment Agency has opened a consultation on aerobic and anaerobic treatment of biodegradable organic wastes, for example by composting, anaerobic digestion and mechanical and biological treatment, treating sewage sludge using any of the given biological processes, storing recovered material (compost and digestate) and aerated lagoons and activated sludge (as a waste-water treatment).

Opens: 10 July 2020

Closes: 21 August 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/appropriate-measures-for-the-biological-treatment-of-waste>

UKGBC consults on definition of social value for buildings and places

The UK Green Building Council has opened a consultation to canvas views of property and construction professionals on a definition of social value for the built environment sector.

Opens: 27 July 2020

Closes: 21 August 2020

<https://www.getfeedback.com/r/4LjMTApL/>

Selecting towns for the Towns Fund

The House of Commons Public Accounts Committee has launched an inquiry into will question senior officials from the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Opens: 27 July 2020

Closes: 10 September 2020

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/478/selecting-towns-for-the-towns-fund/>

