

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker

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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

Future support for low carbon heat

We're seeking views on options for the future support for low carbon heat, beyond the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI).

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 7 July 2020**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/future-support-for-low-carbon-heat>

Non-domestic Renewable Heat Incentive: ensuring a sustainable scheme

We're seeking views on the closure of the non-domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (NDRHI) scheme to new applicants, and how to future-proof the scheme for the remainder of the payment period.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 7 July 2020**

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

Capacity Market: proposal to relax the rules temporarily in response to COVID-19

We're seeking views on ways to relax certain Capacity Market obligations and deadlines, reduce the burden and minimise terminations during COVID-19.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 30 April 2020**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/capacity-market-proposal-to-relax-the-rules-temporarily-in-response-to-covid-19>

Climate Change Agreements scheme extension and reforms for any future scheme

We're seeking views on a proposed extension to the climate change agreements (CCA) scheme, and on potential reforms were there to be a future CCA scheme.

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/climate-change-agreements-scheme-extension-and-reforms-for-any-future-scheme>

Heat networks: building a market framework

We're seeking views on policy options for the development of a regulatory framework for heat networks to protect consumers, support market growth and develop low carbon networks.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 1 June 2020**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/heat-networks-building-a-market-framework>

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

No updates.

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

Review of the ban on the use of combustible materials in and on the external walls of buildings



We are seeking views on the ban of the use of combustible materials in and on external walls of buildings including attachments.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 25 May 2020**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-the-ban-on-the-use-of-combustible-materials-in-and-on-the-external-walls-of-buildings>

Department for Transport

Future of transport regulatory review: call for evidence on micromobility vehicles, flexible bus services and mobility as a service (update)

Asks for evidence and views on micromobility vehicles, flexible bus services and mobility as a service as part of the 'Future of transport regulatory review'.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 3 July 2020**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/future-of-transport-regulatory-review-call-for-evidence-on-micromobility-vehicles-flexible-bus-services-and-mobility-as-a-service>

Consulting on ending the sale of new petrol, diesel and hybrid cars and vans

Consultation on ending the sale of new petrol, diesel and hybrid cars and vans by 2035 or earlier if a faster transition appears feasible

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 31 July 2020**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consulting-on-ending-the-sale-of-new-petrol-diesel-and-hybrid-cars-and-vans>

Bristol Airport: designation as a 'coordinated' airport

Proposal to designate Bristol Airport as a 'coordinated' airport and appointment of Airport Coordination Limited as their coordinator.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 26 June 2020**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/bristol-airport-designation-as-a-coordinated-airport>

HM Treasury

Consultation on expanding the dormant assets scheme

A consultation on proposals to expand the dormant assets scheme. In light of the ongoing impact of coronavirus (COVID-19), the government is extending the deadline for responses to 16 July 2020. Please email us at dormantassets@culture.gov.uk if you have any questions.

This consultation closes at **11:59pm on 16 July 2020**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-expanding-the-dormant-assets-scheme>

Climate Change Agreements scheme extension and reforms for any future scheme (update)

We're seeking views on a proposed extension to the climate change agreements (CCA) scheme, and on potential reforms were there to be a future CCA scheme.

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/climate-change-agreements-scheme-extension-and-reforms-for-any-future-scheme>

A consultation on the Reform to Retail Prices Index (RPI) Methodology (update)

The government and UK Statistics Authority are consulting on UKSA's proposal to address the shortcomings of the Retail Prices Index. In light of the developing situation with coronavirus, the consultation period has been extended to 21 August 2020.

This consultation closes at **11:59pm on 21 August 2020**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/a-consultation-on-the-reform-to-retail-prices-index-rpi-methodology>



Preventing abuse of the R&D tax relief for SMEs: second consultation (update)

Budget 2020 announced the R&D PAYE cap, proposed in 2018, would be delayed by a year to allow time to consult on policy changes, which better focus the measure.

This consultation closes at **11:59pm on 28 May 2020**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/preventing-abuse-of-the-rd-tax-relief-for-smes-second-consultation>

Tax treatment of asset holding companies in alternative fund structures (update)

This consultation explores whether changes to the tax treatment of companies used by funds to hold assets could make the UK a more attractive location for these companies.

This consultation closes at **11:59pm on 19 August 2020**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/tax-treatment-of-asset-holding-companies-in-alternative-fund-structures>

Current committee consultations & inquiries

Transport Committee

e-scooters

The Transport Committee is launching an inquiry to explore the safety and legal implications of electric scooters, their impact on congestion, and potential contribution to reducing the UK's greenhouse gas emissions, ahead of the Government's obligations to reach net zero by 2050.

You can submit evidence until **Tuesday 2 June 2020**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/272/escooters/>

Science and Technology Committee

Commercial genomics

Genomic testing seeks to offer health benefits and can provide other useful services. However, some have raised concerns regarding the potential risks associated with genomic tests being made directly available to consumers, including on the tests' reliability and accuracy, the support available to consumers for understanding and acting on results, and the impact of these commercial tests on the NHS.

You can submit evidence until **Tuesday 30 June 2020**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/263/commercial-genomics/>

UK telecommunications infrastructure and the UK's domestic capability

The next generation of mobile telecommunications (known as '5G') promises faster download speeds, more reliable connections and technical abilities that enable new systems such as autonomous vehicles or connected health devices.

Responding to concerns raised by Members of Parliament last month, the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport told the House of Commons that the Government is not yet in a position "to set out a specific date or timetable for reaching no high-risk vendors" but that the Government would work with the "Five Eyes (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, US and UK) and other partners" to develop new supply chain capacity in our national infrastructure during the course of the Parliament. In this context, the Science and Technology Committee has launched an inquiry to understand how telecommunications capacity can be built in the UK.

You can submit evidence until **Tuesday 30 June 2020**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/264/uk-telecommunications-infrastructure-and-the-uks-domestic-capability/>



A new UK research funding agency

The House of Commons Science and Technology Committee will inquire formally into the nature and purpose of this new UK research funding agency.

You can submit evidence until **Tuesday 30 June 2020**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/265/a-new-uk-research-funding-agency/>

Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

Work of the Department

A one-off inquiry with the Secretary of State and the Local Government Association, examining the response of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

This is a one-off inquiry.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/269/work-of-the-department/>

Impact of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) on homelessness and the private rented sector

The HCLG Committee has launched an inquiry into the Impact of Covid-19 (Coronavirus) on homelessness and the private rented sector. It will consider both the immediate and long-term impact that the COVID-19 pandemic is having on the homeless, rough sleepers and those in the private rented sector.

You can submit evidence until **Friday 1 May 2020**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/271/impact-of-covid19-coronavirus-on-homelessness-and-the-private-rented-sector/>

Business Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

No updates.

EFRA Committee

No updates.

Environmental Audit Committee

Technological Innovations and Climate Change: Offshore Wind

This inquiry will be an opportunity to highlight UK-based examples of innovation and excellence, and the Committee is particularly keen to hear from those at the cutting edge of each sector.

You can submit evidence until **Friday 15 May 2020**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/249/technological-innovations-and-climate-change-offshore-wind/>

National Infrastructure Commission

No updates.

