

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker **February 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

Carbon capture, usage and storage: market engagement on cluster sequencing

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on carbon capture, usage and storage: market engagement on cluster sequencing. This consultation sets out a potential approach to cluster sequencing for carbon capture, usage and storage (CCUS), and seeks views on this approach from interested stakeholders.

Opens: 10 February 2021

Closes: 10 March 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/carbon-capture-usage-and-storage-market-engagement-on-cluster-sequencing>

Clean Heat Grant: further policy design proposals

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on the Clean Heat Grant: further policy design proposals. Following the Future support for low carbon heat consultation, they would like further views on certain areas of Clean Heat Grant scheme design. They will confirm the final scheme design later this year in the government response to the original consultation. The proposals covered are minimum insulation requirements, biomass eligibility and 'hard to treat' buildings, voucher application process and clarification on our approach to new-build eligibility.

Opens: 12 February 2021

Closes: 5 March 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/clean-heat-grant-further-policy-design-proposals>

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

Consultation on changes to the Electronic Communications Code

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has opened a consultation on whether changes are needed to support digital coverage and connectivity.

Opens: 27 January 2021

Closes: 24 March 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-changes-to-the-electronic-communications-code>

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Local factors in managing flood and coastal erosion risk and Property Flood Resilience - call for evidence

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on strengthening the assessment of local circumstances in the government's flood and coastal defence programme.

Opens: 1 February 2021

Closes: 29 March 2021



<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/flood-coastal-erosion-risk-management-investment-reform/local-factors-and-pfr-call-for-evidence/>

Amendments to the Flood Re Scheme

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Flood Re scheme.

Opens: 1 February 2021

Closes: 26 April 2021

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/flood-insurance-preparedness-team/amendments-to-the-flood-re-scheme/>

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

The Future of the New Homes Bonus consultation

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on The Future of the New Homes Bonus. The consultation covers a number of options for reforming the programme to provide an incentive which is more focused and targeted on ambitious housing delivery, complements the reforms outlined in the government's Planning White Paper, and dovetails with the wider financial mechanisms the government is putting in place, including the infrastructure levy and the Single Housing Infrastructure Fund.

Opens: 10 February 2021

Closes: 7 April 2021

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-future-of-the-new-homes-bonus-consultation?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=bb718755-65e1-4d03-8c96-f5617b6df99e&utm_content=immediately

Department for Transport

The consumer experience at public electric vehicle chargepoints

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation on the consumer experience at public electric vehicle chargepoints. They want to introduce regulations that improve the consumer experience in the following 4 areas: making it easier to pay, opening up chargepoint data, using a single payment metric and ensuring a reliable network.

Opens: 13 February 2021

Closes: 10 April 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-consumer-experience-at-public-electric-vehicle-chargepoints>

HM Treasury

No updates

Current committee consultations & inquiries

Transport Committee

No updates

Science and Technology Committee

No updates

Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee



National Planning Policy Framework and National Model Design Code: consultation proposals

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on draft revisions to the National Planning Policy Framework.

Opens: 30 January 2021

Closes: 27 March 2021

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/national-planning-policy-framework-and-national-model-design-code-consultation-proposals?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=4527fe3b-fa20-494e-ac8e-2341be70afb8&utm_content=immediately

Business Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

No updates

EFRA Committee

No updates

Environmental Audit Committee

Next steps for deposit return schemes

The House of Commons Environmental Audit Select Committee has launched an inquiry into the next steps for deposit return schemes. The Environmental Audit Committee is examining how deposit return schemes for drinks containers might be introduced so as to increase the proportion of such packaging which is recycled and to reduce the environmental damage from littering.

Opens: 12 February 2021

Closes: 5 March 2021

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/1048/next-steps-for-deposit-return-schemes/>

Technological Innovations and Climate Change: Community Energy

The Environmental Audit Committee has launched an inquiry into technological innovations which could contribute to tackling climate change. Each part of the inquiry looks at a specific technology or strategy currently in use or in development and considers its potential and how Government policy can facilitate the UK making the best and most cost-effective use of that technology.

Opens: 19 February 2021

Closes: 19 March 2021

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/1047/technological-innovations-and-climate-change-community-energy/>

Public Accounts Committee

Environmental Taxation

The House of Commons Public Accounts Committee has launched an inquiry into how tax measures are administered and managed to deliver environmental objectives, and how their impact is assessed and evaluated and whether resources are being effectively used in managing environmental tax measures.

Opens: 1 February 2021

Closes: 1 March 2021

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/1007/environmental-taxation/>



The Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund

The House of Commons Public Accounts Committee has opened a new inquiry looking at the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund, focussing on the design of the Fund and oversight of its implementation, and the approach taken to considering performance and progress in making the awards.

Opens: 1 February 2021

Closes: 25 February 2021

<https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/390/the-industrial-strategy-challenge-fund/>

COVID-19: Local Government Finance

The Public Accounts Committee has opened a new inquiry looking at COVID-19 and local government finance. The Committee will question senior officials at HM Treasury and MHCLG on the evolving financial pressures on local government and support provided by central government, and whether government has taken effective steps both in asking local government to deliver new services and in meeting its responsibilities for supporting financial sustainability across the sector.

Opens: 9 February 2021

Closes: 11 March 2021

<https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/399/covid19-local-government-finance/>

Treasury Committee

No updates

National Infrastructure Commission

No updates

Misc of interest

Determining areas of water stress in England

The Environment Agency has opened a consultation on determining areas of water stress in England. The determination is only to inform whether water companies, in areas of serious water stress, can consider charging for water by metered volume for all customers (compulsory metering). This is one of the options they can consider in their water resources management plans to manage water supplies.

Opens: 11 February 2021

Closes: 11 March 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/determining-areas-of-water-stress-in-england>