

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker

March 2020

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

Carer's leave

We're seeking views on giving unpaid carers a new right to a week of leave.

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/carers-leave>

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

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 22 May 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>

Reforming Regulation Initiative

We're inviting businesses and the public to suggest how regulation could be improved.

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/reforming-regulation-initiative>

Contracts for Difference (CfD): proposed amendments to the scheme 2020

We're seeking views on proposed changes to the Contracts for Difference (CfD) scheme, so it can continue to support new generation and provide best value for consumers.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 22 May 2020**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/contracts-for-difference-cfd-proposed-amendments-to-the-scheme-2020>

Police Covenant for England and Wales (shared with 9 other departments)

We want to hear your views on the principle of implementing a Police Covenant in England and Wales to enhance support for the police and their families.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 22 April 2020**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/police-covenant-for-england-and-wales>

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

No updates.

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

First Homes (updated)

We are seeking views on our First Homes policy which will deliver discounted homes for local people.

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/first-homes>



House building statistics: proposed changes

We are seeking views on making changes to the content and focus of the long running House building: new build dwellings statistics series.

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/house-building-statistics-proposed-changes>

Proposed merger of the Northumberland and Tyne and Wear pension funds

We are consulting on a proposal to merge two local government pension funds – the Northumberland Pension Fund and the Tyne and Wear Pension Fund.

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-merger-of-the-northumberland-and-tyne-and-wear-pension-funds>

Department for Transport

Introducing E10 Petrol

Proposals on how to introduce E10 petrol for vehicle use throughout in the UK.

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/introducing-e10-petrol>

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HM Treasury

Overseas funds regime: a consultation

The Government is consulting on proposals to simplify the process for allowing investment funds set up overseas to be marketed in the UK. This consultation closes on 11 May 2020.

This consultation closes at **11:45am on 11 May 2020**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/overseas-funds-regime-a-consultation>

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

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 **11:45pm on 28 May 2020**

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

Public Works Loan Board: Future lending terms consultation

The government is seeking views from local authorities and other stakeholders on the lending terms of the Public Works Loan Board.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 4 June 2020**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/public-works-loan-board-future-lending-terms-consultation>



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

The Government and the UK Statistics Authority (UKSA) have launched a consultation on UKSA's proposal to address the shortcomings of the Retail Prices Index (RPI) measure of inflation.

This consultation closes at **11:59pm on 22 April 2020**

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

Market access arrangements for financial services between the UK and Gibraltar: a consultation

The Government is consulting on proposals to introduce new market access arrangements for financial services between the UK and Gibraltar. This consultation closes on 11 May 2020.

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/market-access-arrangements-for-financial-services-between-the-uk-and-gibraltar-a-consultation>

A consultation on duty-free and tax-free goods carried by passengers.

The consultation asks for evidence and views on the potential approach to duty-free and tax-free goods arising from the UK's new relationship with the EU.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 20 May 2020**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/a-consultation-on-duty-free-and-tax-free-goods-carried-by-passengers>

Tax treatment of asset holding companies in alternative fund structures

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 May 2020**

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

Current committee consultations & inquiries

Transport Committee

Young and novice drivers

This inquiry was first launched at the end of the last Parliament. The Committee received almost 60 pieces of written evidence from road safety campaigners, driving organisations, police representatives and individual members of the public, some with first-hand experience of this issue. The Committee thanks all those who contributed and will include this evidence in the revived inquiry. The Committee now extends the call for evidence to others, particularly on any new developments since Summer 2019.

You can submit evidence until **Friday 10 April 2020**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/146/young-and-novice-drivers/>

Science and Technology Committee

UK Science, Research and Technology Capability and Influence in Global Disease Outbreaks

Once the COVID-19 pandemic has passed its peak, it will be necessary for international and national systems to learn from the crisis. The Science and Technology Committee will inquire formally into the place of UK research, science and technology in the national and global response, and what lessons should be learned for the future.

You can submit evidence until Friday 31 July 2020.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/91/uk-science-research-and-technology-capability-and-influence-in-global-disease-outbreaks/>



Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

Long-term delivery of social and affordable rented housing

The Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee has re-launched its inquiry to examine the long-term delivery of social and affordable rented housing.

You can submit evidence until **Monday 4 May 2020**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/109/longterm-delivery-of-social-and-affordable-rented-housing/>

Cladding: progress on remediation

The inquiry will review progress in removing potentially dangerous cladding from high-rise and high-risk buildings, and the adequacy of funding by the Government.

No end date listed.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/85/cladding-progress-on-remediation/>

Progress on devolution in England (relaunched)

The inquiry will scrutinise the impact of recently agreed devolution agreements and ask if the transfer of further powers to England's regions can boost local economies and provision of public services.

You can submit evidence until **Monday 4 May 2020**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/110/progress-on-devolution-in-england/>

Business Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

Post Office and Horizon

The case raises a series of issues which are relevant to the BEIS Committee's scrutiny of the Post Office Limited

You can submit evidence until **Thursday 30 April 2020**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/97/post-office-and-horizon/>

My BEIS inquiry

The inquiry is inviting stakeholders and the wider public to come forward with suggestions for issues the Committee should investigate over the course of this Parliament.

The BEIS Committee is open to looking at issues from across the policy remit of the Department, including areas such as business, Industrial Strategy, consumer protection, corporate governance, jobs and working conditions, energy policy, clean growth and climate change.

The deadline to submit inquiry ideas is **Thursday 30 April 2020**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/92/my-beis-inquiry/>

The impact of coronavirus on businesses and workers

Submit written evidence to the impact of coronavirus on business and workers inquiry

You can submit evidence until **Thursday 30 April 2020**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/178/the-impact-of-coronavirus-on-businesses-and-workers/>

Delivering audit reform

Delivering Audit Reform - terms of reference

You can submit evidence until **Monday 4 May 2020**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/222/delivering-audit-reform/>



EFRA Committee

Flooding

Recent events have brought the challenges of managing flood risk back to national attention, and climate change means these events are likely to become more frequent. Building on the previous Committee's interim report on coastal flooding and adaptation to climate change, this inquiry would focus on the Government's approach to managing the risk of inland flooding in England.

The inquiry will also take into account evidence received and questions raised during the coastal flooding inquiry. You can submit evidence until **Friday 15 May 2020**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/107/flooding/>

Agriculture Bill: Trade Standards

The EFRA Select Committee is to take evidence from senior representatives from the agriculture, animal welfare and trade sectors. Areas likely to be considered include consideration of production standards under the WTO and GATT, the extent to which international standards currently compare to the UK's, the efficacy of tariffs, the impact on food security, and the impact of policy changes on both farmers and consumers.

No date listed.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/118/agriculture-bill-trade-standards/>

Labour in the food supply chain

There is a high demand for non-UK workers in agriculture and in the wider food supply chain. Veterinarians, who provide certification for the import and export of animals to third countries and provide official controls at food exporting premises, abattoirs and border inspection posts, are currently on the Shortage Occupation List (SOL).

You can submit evidence until **Friday 24 April 2020**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/190/labour-in-the-food-supply-chain/>

Environmental Audit Committee

Possible Future Inquiries

In line with the recommendations of the Liaison Committee in the 2017 Parliament, the Environmental Audit Committee is keen to have input from stakeholders on proposed future inquiries. Responses should be submitted via the Committee website by **5pm on Thursday 9 April**

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<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/171/possible-future-inquiries/>

Electronic Waste and the Circular Economy

The Environmental Audit Committee re-launched an inquiry into *Electronic Waste and the Circular Economy* on Friday 13 March. This inquiry will explore how the UK could reduce its environmental impact, create economic opportunities and maintain access to critical materials by better managing and minimising its e-waste.

You can submit evidence until **Thursday 30 April 2020**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/170/electronic-waste-and-the-circular-economy/>

National Infrastructure Commission

Rail Needs Assessment (HS2) call for evidence

The National Infrastructure Commission has today invited businesses, passengers, transport experts and regional leaders to share their ideas for transforming the rail landscape of the north alongside the East and West Midlands and help create a lasting legacy from the construction of High Speed 2 (HS2).

The call for evidence is set to close on **29 May 2020**.

<https://www.nic.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/NIC-Rail-Needs-Assessment-Call-for-Evidence.pdf>

