

# 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

#### **Corporate transparency and register reform**

The consultation considers reform to the information we require companies to disclose, increasing the checks on this information and measures to improve the exchange of intelligence between Companies House and UK Law Enforcement bodies.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 5 August 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/corporate-transparency-and-register-reform>

#### **The future of UK carbon pricing**

This consultation sets out the UK government's and the devolved administrations' approach to UK carbon pricing once we have left the EU, and seeks stakeholders' views on the design of a future scheme. It is a joint consultation of the UK government, the Scottish Government, the Welsh Government and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 12 July 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-future-of-uk-carbon-pricing>

### Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

#### **Safeguarding the environment in British Overseas Territories: call for evidence**

Seeking evidence to help develop plans on how the government can help protect marine and terrestrial biodiversity in the British Overseas Territories.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 19 July 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/safeguarding-the-environment-in-british-overseas-territories-call-for-evidence>

#### **Updating the UK marine strategy part one (2019)**

Seeking views on our updated UK marine strategy and the targets to achieve or maintain Good Environmental Status (GES) in UK seas.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 20 June 2019**

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/marine/updated-uk-marine-strategy-part-one/>

### Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

#### **Support for victims of domestic abuse in safe accommodation**

Consultation on the future delivery of support to victims and their children in accommodation-based domestic abuse services in England.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 2 August 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/support-for-victims-of-domestic-abuse-in-safe-accommodation>



### **Changing Places toilets**

This consultation seeks views on how we can increase provision of Changing Places toilets in specific new, large buildings commonly used by the public, as well as those undergoing building works.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 21 July 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changing-places-toilets>

### **Local government pension scheme: changes to the local valuation cycle and management of employer risk**

Consultation seeking views on policy proposals to amend the rules of the local government pension scheme in England and Wales.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 31 July 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-pension-scheme-changes-to-the-local-valuation-cycle-and-management-of-employer-risk>

### **Department for Transport**

**No updates**

### **HM Treasury**

**No updates**

### **Department for Exiting the European Union**

**No updates**

## **Current committee consultations & inquiries**

### **Transport Committee**

**No updates**

### **Science and Technology Committee**

#### **Science research funding in universities inquiry**

This short inquiry will assess the current system of research funding for universities in England and Wales. In the light of possible changes to tuition fees resulting from the Government's Review on Post-18 Education and Funding, and the Government's commitment to a target of 2.4% of GDP to be invested in research and development by 2027, the Committee will investigate what impact these changes may have on the ability of universities to conduct high-quality scientific research.

No stated end date.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/lords-select/science-and-technology-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/science-research-funding-in-universities/>

### **Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee**

**No updates**

### **Business Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee**

#### **Grocery Code Adjudicator inquiry**

The Groceries Code Adjudicator (GCA) was created by the Groceries Code Adjudicator Act 2013, following concerns about unfair competition practices and abuses of power in the groceries market. The role of the Groceries Code Adjudicator is to ensure that 12 "designated" or "regulated" retailers comply with the Groceries Supply Code of Practice and treat their direct suppliers lawfully and fairly.

No stated end date.



<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/business-energy-industrial-strategy/inquiries/parliament-2017/inquiry12/>

### **EFRA Committee**

#### **Rural broadband and digital only services inquiry**

The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee launches an inquiry into Rural broadband and digital only services. Broadband, mobile infrastructure and access to digital services remain a central issue for rural communities. The EFRA Committee intends to hold a short inquiry, following up on its 2014-15 inquiry into rural broadband and digital-only services, to examine the government's current proposals and delivery of digital connectivity to rural areas.

The deadline for written submissions is **Monday 24 June**.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/environment-food-and-rural-affairs-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/rural-broadband-and-digital-only-services-17-19/commons-written-submission-form/>

#### **General licences for controlling wild birds inquiry**

On 21 May 2019 the Committee will hold a one-off evidence session with Defra Ministers and Natural England. The subject will be Natural England's decision to withdraw and reissue the general licences for controlling wild birds, and the subsequent decision by Defra to take over this responsibility.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/environment-food-and-rural-affairs-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/general-licences-for-controlling-wild-birds-17-19/>

### **Environmental Audit Committee**

#### **Greening Government Commitments inquiry**

The Environmental Audit Committee launches an inquiry into the Greening Government Commitments (GGCs) – the targets for reducing the negative effects that the Government's buildings, transport, purchasing and operations have on the environment.

The deadline for written submissions is **Monday 24 June**.

### **Exiting the European Union**

**No updates**

### **National Infrastructure Commission**

**No updates**