

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker

October 2019

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

Industrial Energy Transformation Fund: finalising the design

We're seeking views on the final design of the £315 million Industrial Energy Transformation Fund, which will help industry to improve energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions.

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/industrial-energy-transformation-fund-finalising-the-design>

The planning system for electricity storage: follow up consultation

We're seeking views on amendments to the treatment of electricity storage within the planning system. This follow up consultation also provides the government's response to the original consultation.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 10 December 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-planning-system-for-electricity-storage-follow-up-consultation>

Non-domestic Private Rented Sector minimum energy efficiency standards: future trajectory to 2030

We're seeking views on the proposed targets for the minimum energy efficiency standard for privately rented non-domestic buildings in 2030.

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/non-domestic-private-rented-sector-minimum-energy-efficiency-standards-future-trajectory-to-2030>

Heat Network (Metering and Billing) Regulations 2014: proposed amendments

We're seeking views on proposals to amend the regulations to ensure consistency with Energy Efficiency Directive requirements, and to extend their provisions to all heat meters for consumers on heat networks.

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/heat-network-metering-and-billing-regulations-2014-proposed-amendments>

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Highly Protected Marine Areas review: call for evidence

Seeking views on whether and how to introduce Highly Protected Marine Areas (HPMAs) in English inshore and offshore waters and Northern Irish offshore waters.

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

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/marine/highly-protected-marine-areas-call-for-evidence/>



Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) compliance fee 2019

Seeking views on whether we should set a compliance fee for 2019. We also want your views on two proposals for managing this year's fee.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 11 November 2019**

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/environmental-quality/weee-compliance-2019/>

Microchipping cats in England: Call for evidence

Seeking evidence to understand the consequences of making microchipping of cats mandatory in England. We're not seeking opinions on introducing a law at this stage.

This consultation closes at **5pm on 4 January 2020**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/microchipping-cats-in-england-call-for-evidence>

Welfare of primates as pets in England: call for evidence

Seeking evidence on the welfare of pet primates in England

This consultation closes at **5pm on 17 January 2020**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/welfare-of-primates-as-pets-in-england-call-for-evidence>

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

The Future Homes Standard: changes to Part L and Part F of the Building Regulations for new dwellings

Consultation on the uplift to standards of Part L of the Building Regulations and changes to Part F. This uplift is the first step in achieving the Future Homes Standards.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 10 January 2020**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-future-homes-standard-changes-to-part-l-and-part-f-of-the-building-regulations-for-new-dwellings>

Local government finance settlement 2020 to 2021: technical consultation

This consultation seeks views on technical issues concerning the 2020 to 2021 local government finance settlement.

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-finance-settlement-2020-to-2021-technical-consultation>

Development corporation reform: technical consultation

This consultation seeks views on the effectiveness of the legislation governing development corporations.

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/development-corporation-reform-technical-consultation>

Department for Transport

RVAR Exemption – Strathclyde Partnership for Transport: Glasgow Subway

Public consultation page for RVAR exemption applications.

This consultation closes at **11pm on 31 October 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/rvar-exemption-strathclyde-partnership-for-transport-glasgow-subway>



RVAR exemption: London Underground Limited – Central Line

Rail accessibility exemption application by London Underground Limited for its Central Line trains.

This consultation closes at **11:30pm on 31 October 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/rvar-exemption-london-underground-limited-central-line>

RVAR exemption: London Underground Limited – Waterloo and City Line

Rail accessibility exemption application by London Underground Limited for its Waterloo and City Line trains.

This consultation closes at **11:30pm on 31 October 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/rvar-exemption-london-underground-limited-waterloo-and-city-line>

RVAR exemption: London Underground Limited – Bakerloo Line

Rail accessibility exemption application by London Underground Limited for its Bakerloo Line trains.

This consultation closes at **11:30pm on 31 October 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/rvar-exemption-london-underground-limited-bakerloo-line>

RVAR exemption: London Underground Limited – Piccadilly Line

Rail accessibility exemption application by London Underground Limited for its Piccadilly Line trains.

This consultation closes at **11:30pm on 31 October 2019**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/rvar-exemption-london-underground-limited-piccadilly-line>

HM Treasury

No updates

Department for Exiting the European Union

No updates

Current committee consultations & inquiries

Transport Committee

No updates

Science and Technology Committee**Work of the Science Minister inquiry**

The Science and Technology Committee's ongoing scrutiny of the work of the Science Minister. For this session a range of topics will be explored with the Minister and his officials, including Horizon 2020, Horizon Europe, a future immigration system for science and research, and research funding.

No stated end date.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/science-and-technology-committee/inquiries/parliament-2019/work-of-the-science-minister-19-20-17-19/>



Clinical trials transparency: follow-up inquiry

The Science and Technology Committee will hold a one-off evidence session to follow up on the Committee's report on [Research integrity: clinical trials transparency](#), published in October 2018.

Earlier this year the Chair of the Committee [wrote to UK universities](#) and [English NHS trusts](#) to request verification that the organisations were working towards full compliance with their obligation to publish clinical trials results.

The Committee will use this evidence session to assess the progress made by universities and trusts and to discuss barriers and progress with representatives of regulatory bodies and publishers.

No end date stated.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/science-and-technology-committee/inquiries/parliament-2019/clinical-trials-transparency-follow-up--name-17-19/>

Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

No updates

Business Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

No updates

EFRA Committee

Beef prices inquiry

The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee held an evidence session on Wednesday 16 October, examining topics including the impact of and reasons for the fall in beef prices, as well as potential implications of a no-deal Brexit and temporary tariffs on the sector.

No stated end date.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/environment-food-and-rural-affairs-committee/inquiries/parliament-2019/beef-prices-19-20/>

Environment Bill inquiry

The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee launches an inquiry into the Environment Bill. On 15 October, the Government introduced the Environment Bill to help "ensure that we maintain and improve our environmental protections as we leave the EU".

The deadline for written submissions is 3 November 2019

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/environment-food-and-rural-affairs-committee/inquiries/parliament-2019/environment-bill--17-19/>

Environmental Audit Committee

Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs one-off evidence session

The Environmental Audit Committee questions Theresa Villiers in her new role as Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in this one-off session. On the agenda, how food and environmental standards will be maintained under varying scenarios of leaving the EU. Members are expected to raise concerns around the independence of the new environmental oversight body, the Office for Environmental Protection, as set out in the Environment Bill. They are also likely to press for answers on delays to setting environmental targets.

No stated end date.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/environmental-audit-committee/inquiries/parliament-2019/secretary-of-state-evidence-19-20/>



Exiting the European Union
No updates

National Infrastructure Commission
No updates