

## **ADEPT: Consultation Tracker**

### **September 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**

##### **Planning for new energy infrastructure: review of energy National Policy Statements**

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation seeking views on the revised energy National Policy Statements that support decisions on major energy infrastructure.

Opens: 6 September 2021

Closes: 29 November 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-new-energy-infrastructure-review-of-energy-national-policy-statements>

##### **Combined heat and power: pathway to decarbonisation call for evidence**

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation seeking views to inform further development of possible options for future reform of combined heat and power policy. Opens: 27 September 2021

Closes: 20 December 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/combined-heat-and-power-pathway-to-decarbonisation-call-for-evidence>

##### **Offshore Transmission Network Review: proposals for an enduring regime and multi-purpose interconnectors**

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation seeking views on a new enduring regime for windfarm development and offshore transmission.

Opens: 28 September 2021

Closes: 23 November 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/offshore-transmission-network-review-proposals-for-an-enduring-regime>

##### **Making flexible working the default**

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation seeking views from individuals and businesses on proposals to reform flexible working regulations.

Opens: 23 September 2021

Closes: 1 December 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/making-flexible-working-the-default>

## Department for Culture, Media and Sport

### **Data: a new direction**

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has opened a consultation on reforms to the UK's data protection regime.

Opens: 10 September 2021

Closes: 19 November 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/data-a-new-direction>

## Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

### **Groundwater and surface water discharge activities**

Defra is seeking views on our plans to change the Environmental Permitting Regulations. The proposed amendments will apply to the regulation of groundwater activities and some related surface water discharge activities.

Opens: 29 September 2021

Closes: 22 December 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/groundwater-and-surface-water-discharge-activities>

## Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

No updates

## Department for Transport

### **Future of transport regulatory review: future of flight**

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation seeking views on areas of flight regulation that are outdated, a barrier to innovation or not designed with new technologies and business models in mind.

Opens: 28 September 2021

Closes: 22 November 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/future-of-transport-regulatory-review-future-of-flight>

### **Future of transport regulatory review: modernising vehicle standards**

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation seeking views on areas of vehicle standards regulation that are outdated, a barrier to innovation or not designed with new technologies and business models in mind.

Opens: 28 September 2021

Closes: 22 November 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/future-of-transport-regulatory-review-modernising-vehicle-standards>

### **Future of transport regulatory review: zero emission vehicles**

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation seeking views on areas of transport regulation that are outdated, a barrier to innovation or not designed with new technologies and business models in mind.

Opens: 28 September 2021

Closes: 22 November 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/future-of-transport-regulatory-review-zero-emission-vehicles>

### **Future of transport regulatory review: regulatory sandboxes**

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation seeking views on the use of regulatory sandboxes to support innovation in surface transport.

Opens: 28 September 2021

Closes: 22 November 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/future-of-transport-regulatory-review-regulatory-sandboxes>

### **HM Treasury**

#### **Autumn Budget and Spending Review 2021 - Representations**

HM Treasury has opened a consultation on the Autumn Budget and Spending Review 2021.

Opens: 7 September 2021

Closes: 30 September 2021

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ABSR21/>

### **Current committee consultations & inquiries**

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

No updates

#### **EFRA Committee**

No updates

#### **Environmental Audit Committee**

##### **What role can negative emissions technologies play in Net Zero Britain?**

The House of Commons Environmental Audit Select Committee has launched an inquiry into technological innovations which could contribute to tackling climate change. The next aspect of the inquiry will look at Negative Emissions Technologies.

Opens: 28 September 2021

Closes: 28 October 2021

<https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/599/>

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

No updates

#### **Public Accounts Committee**

##### **Achieving Net Zero: Follow up**

The House of Commons Public Accounts Select Committee has opened a new inquiry to follow up on the government's progress regarding their plan for achieving Net Zero.

Opens: 21 September 2021

Closes: 14 October 2021

<https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/589/>

#### **DCMS recall (Broadband)**

The House of Commons Public Accounts Select Committee has opened a new inquiry recalling DCMS officials for an update on progress towards the Government's revised timeline for rolling out broadband and improving digital inclusion for people and business across the country, especially in hard-to-reach rural areas, and progress against the Committee's report recommendations.

Opens: 21 September 2021

Closes: 25 October 2021

<https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/592/>



### Science and Technology Committee

No updates

### Transport Committee

#### **Airlines and airports: supporting recovery in the UK aviation sector**

The House of Commons Transport Committee has launched an inquiry into Airlines and airports: supporting recovery in the UK aviation sector.

Opens: 10 September 2021

Closes: 13 October 2021

<https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/579/>

### Treasury Committee

No updates

### National Infrastructure Commission

No updates

### Misc of interest

#### **Call for evidence: Net neutrality review**

The Office of Communications has opened a consultation seeking views from stakeholders as part of their review on how the UK's net neutrality framework is functioning.

Opens: 7 September 2021

Closes: 2 November 2021

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/consultations-and-statements/category-2/call-for-evidence-net-neutrality-review>