

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker March 2023

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.

Key dates:

Easter recess: 30 March – 17 April 2023

Coronation recess: 3 May – 9 May 2023

Whitsun recess: 25 May – 5 June 2023

Summer recess: 20 July – TBC 2023

Department consultations

Cabinet Office

Civil Service Pension Scheme: 2015 Remedy ('McCloud') regulations

The Cabinet Office has opened a consultation on proposed changes to the Civil Service Pension Scheme to implement the 2015 Remedy ('McCloud') from 1 October 2023.

Opens: 6 March 2023

Closes: 14 May 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/civil-service-pension-scheme-2015-remedy-mccloud-regulations>

Department for Business and Trade

Long-term Investment For Technology and Science (LIFTS) initiative: request for feedback

The Department for Business and Trade has opened a consultation seeking feedback on the options for government support, the qualifying criteria for proposals, and the overall approach and timetable for LIFTS.

Opens: 15 March 2023

Closes: 28 April 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/long-term-investment-for-technology-and-science-liffts-initiative-request-for-feedback>

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

No updates

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

Decarbonisation readiness: updates to the 2009 Carbon Capture Readiness requirements

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has launched a consultation seeking views on our proposals for updates to the 2009 Carbon Capture Readiness requirements.

Opens: 13 March 2023

Closes: 24 April 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/decarbonisation-readiness-updates-to-the-2009-carbon-capture-readiness-requirements>

Climate Change Agreements: consultation on extension and future scheme (2023)

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation seeking views on proposals for an extension to the current Climate Change Agreement scheme, and on further proposals resulting from the earlier consultation.

Opens: 15 March 2023

Closes: 10 May 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/climate-change-agreements-consultation-on-extension-and-future-scheme-2023>

Contracts for Difference Allocation Round 6: amendments to the Supply Chain Plan questionnaires

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation seeking views on amendments to the Supply Chain Plan questionnaires, in preparation for Allocation Round 6 of the Contracts for Difference (CfD) scheme.

Opens: 28 March 2023

Closes: 2 May 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/contracts-for-difference-allocation-round-6-amendments-to-the-supply-chain-plan-questionnaires>

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

No updates

Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

Financial Reporting and Audit in Local Authorities

The House of Commons Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee has launched an inquiry to examine a range of issues relating to the purpose, understanding and impact of financial reporting and audit in local authorities.

Opens: 3 March 2023

Closes: 17 April 2023

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/7348/financial-reporting-and-audit-in-local-authorities/>

Technical consultation on the Infrastructure Levy

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has opened a consultation on the Infrastructure Levy, which is a reform to the existing system of developer contributions.

Opens: 17 March 2023

Closes: 9 June 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/technical-consultation-on-the-infrastructure-levy>

Environmental Outcomes Reports: a new approach to environmental assessment

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has launched a consultation seeking views on our approach to developing Environmental Outcomes Reports to support departments in the next stage of policy development.

Opens: 17 March 2023

Closes: 9 June 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/environmental-outcomes-reports-a-new-approach-to-environmental-assessment>

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

No updates



Department for Transport

Moving away from paper documents to progress an order application under the Transport and Works Act 1992

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation on their proposals to amend the TWA rules to enable electronic applications instead of solely paper documents.

Opens: 10 March 2023

Closes: 7 April 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/moving-away-from-paper-documents-to-progress-an-order-application-under-the-transport-and-works-act-1992>

HM Revenue and Customs

VAT energy saving materials relief – improving energy efficiency and reducing carbon emissions

HM Revenue and Customs has opened a consultation on potential areas to reform the VAT energy saving materials relief.

Opens: 15 March 2023

Closes: 31 May 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/vat-energy-saving-materials-relief-improving-energy-efficiency-and-reducing-carbon-emissions>

HM Treasury

Taxation of environmental land management and ecosystem service markets

HM Treasury has opened a consultation seeking views on the taxation of ecosystem service markets and the potential expansion of agricultural property relief from inheritance tax.

Opens: 15 March 2023

Closes: 9 June 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/taxation-of-environmental-land-management-and-ecosystem-service-markets>

Current committee consultations & inquiries

Business Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

No updates

Culture, Media and Sport Committee

No updates

EFRA Committee

Resources and Waste provisional Common Framework

The House of Commons Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee has launched an inquiry seeking views on the potential impact and effectiveness of the Resources and Waste provisional Common Framework.

Opens: 23 March 2023

Closes: 5 May 2023

<https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/3096/>

Environmental Audit Committee

No updates



Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

The finances and sustainability of the social housing sector

The House of Commons Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee has launched an inquiry to examine the finances and sustainability of the social housing sector in England.

Opens: 28 March 2023

Closes: 12 May 2023

<https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/3097/>

Public Accounts Committee

No updates

Science and Technology Committee

Commercialising quantum technologies

The House of Commons Science and Technology Committee has launched an inquiry to examine what support the sector needs to achieve commercialisation of quantum technologies and what interventions are required from the Government to drive the success of the UK's quantum technologies sector.

Opens: 16 March 2023

Closes: 28 April 2023

<https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/3083/>

Transport Committee

National Networks National Policy Statement

The House of Commons Transport Committee has launched an inquiry into the draft revised National Networks National Policy Statement (NNNPS).

Opens: 24 March 2023

Closes: 15 May 2023

<https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/3092/>

Treasury Committee

No updates

National Infrastructure Commission

No updates

Misc of interest

Consultation on disclosure: sharing information on business rate valuations

The Valuation Office Agency has opened a consultation on proposals for the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) to disclose more information on business rates valuations.

Opens: 15 March 2023

Closes: 7 June 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-disclosure-sharing-information-on-business-rate-valuations>

Review of Environmental Assessment Levels (EALs) for emissions to air: second phase

The Environment Agency has opened a consultation on the revision of 13 existing EALs.

Opens: 28 March 2023

Closes: 20 June 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-environmental-assessment-levels-eals-for-emissions-to-air-second-phase>



Low Pay Commission consultation 2023

The Low Pay Commission has opened a consultation on minimum wage rates in 2024 and beyond.

Opens: 23 March 2023

Closes: 9 June 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/low-pay-commission-consultation-2023>

