

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker April 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:

Coronation recess: 3 May – 9 May 2023

Whitsun recess: 25 May – 5 June 2023

Summer recess: 20 July – TBC 2023

Department consultations

Cabinet Office

No updates

Department for Business and Trade

No updates

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

Consultation on a registration scheme for short-term lets in England

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport is seeking views on the design of a registration scheme for short-term let properties in England, including on its scope and how it would operate.

Opens: 12 April 2023

Closes: 7 June 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-a-registration-scheme-for-short-term-lets-in-england>

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

Addressing carbon leakage risk to support decarbonisation

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation on a range of potential policy measures to mitigate future carbon leakage risk.

Opens: 30 March 2023

Closes: 22 June 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/addressing-carbon-leakage-risk-to-support-decarbonisation>

Community benefits for electricity transmission network infrastructure

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation seeking views on a recommended approach to community benefits for electricity transmission network infrastructure.

Opens: 30 March 2023

Closes: 25 May 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/community-benefits-for-electricity-transmission-network-infrastructure>

Clean heat market mechanism

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation seeking views on the design of a market-based mechanism to support the development of the market in low-carbon electric heat pumps.

Opens: 30 March 2023

Closes: 8 June 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/clean-heat-market-mechanism>

Planning for new energy infrastructure: revisions to National Policy Statements

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation seeking views on the revised energy National Policy Statements that support decisions on major energy infrastructure.

Opens: 30 March 2023

Closes: 25 May 2023

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

Proposals for hydrogen production and industrial carbon capture regulations

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation seeking views on proposals for revenue support regulations in relation to the hydrogen production, industrial carbon capture (ICC) and waste ICC business models.

Opens: 30 March 2023

Closes: 10 May 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposals-for-hydrogen-production-and-industrial-carbon-capture-regulations>

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Strengthening environmental civil sanctions

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs is seeking views on increasing the cap on variable monetary penalties (VMPs) for environmental offences in England and introducing VMPs to the Environmental Permitting Regulations.

Opens: 4 April 2023

Closes: 15 May 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/strengthening-environmental-civil-sanctions>

Continuous water quality monitoring and event duration monitoring

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs is seeking views on the government's proposals to enhance the monitoring of storm overflows and final effluent discharges into watercourses.

Opens: 12 April 2023

Closes: 23 May 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/continuous-water-quality-monitoring-and-event-duration-monitoring>

Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

High street rental auctions

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has opened a consultation seeking views on the implementation of high streets rental auctions.

Opens: 31 March 2023

Closes: 23 June 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/high-street-rental-auctions>



Local Nutrient Mitigation Fund: call for evidence and expression of interest

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities call for evidence seeks to create a comprehensive view of the impact of nutrient neutrality advice on development. It invites all local planning authorities (LPA) affected by nutrient neutrality advice to provide evidence as to the impact of nutrient neutrality and information and views about the scale of the impact, forthcoming solutions, and on-going work at a catchment level.

Opens: 12 April 2023

Closes: 24 May 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-nutrient-mitigation-fund-call-for-evidence-and-expression-of-interest>

Introduction of a use class for short term lets and associated permitted development rights

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has opened a consultation which proposes the introduction of a use class for short term lets and permitted development rights to provide flexibility where there are no local issues with such uses.

Opens: 12 April 2023

Closes: 7 June 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/introduction-of-a-use-class-for-short-term-lets-and-associated-permitted-development-rights>

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

No updates

Department for Transport

A zero emission vehicle (ZEV) mandate and CO2 emissions regulation for new cars and vans in the UK

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation seeking views on the final design of the UK's ZEV mandate and CO2 emissions regulation for new cars and vans.

Opens: 30 March 2023

Closes: 24 May 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/a-zero-emission-vehicle-zev-mandate-and-co2-emissions-regulation-for-new-cars-and-vans-in-the-uk>

Improving signage at private level crossings: revised sign designs

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation seeking views on a revised suite of signs for private level crossings on the railway to improve safety.

Opens: 5 April 2023

Closes: 10 May 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/improving-signage-at-private-level-crossings-revised-sign-designs>

Increasing the weight limit for fuel tankers

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation seeking views on a proposal to temporarily increase the weight of fuel tankers.

Opens: 5 April 2023

Closes: 17 May 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/increasing-the-weight-limit-for-fuel-tankers>



Heavy vehicle testing review: call for evidence

The Department for Transport is calling for the views of individuals, groups and organisations with a specific interest in roadworthiness assurance.

Opens: 14 April 2023

Closes: 9 June 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/heavy-vehicle-testing-review-call-for-evidence>

Pathway to net zero aviation: developing the UK sustainable aviation fuel mandate

The Department for Transport is seeking news on a proposed UK sustainable aviation fuel mandate which requires jet fuel suppliers to blend SAF into aviation fuel, from 2025, thereby reducing CO2 emissions.

Opens: 30 March 2023

Closes: 22 June 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/pathway-to-net-zero-aviation-developing-the-uk-sustainable-aviation-fuel-mandate>

HM Treasury

Future regulatory regime for Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) ratings providers

HM Treasury is consulting on whether regulation for providers of ESG ratings should be introduced, and on the potential scope of a regulatory regime.

Opens: 30 March 2023

Closes: 30 June 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/future-regulatory-regime-for-environmental-social-and-governance-esg-ratings-providers>

Current committee consultations & inquiries

Business Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

No updates

Culture, Media and Sport Committee

No updates

EFRA Committee

No updates

Environmental Audit Committee

No updates

Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

No updates

Public Accounts Committee

Digital transformation in government: addressing barriers to efficiency

The House of Commons Public Accounts Committee has launched an inquiry on addressing barriers to efficiency.

Opens: 29 March 2023

Closes: 9 May 2023

<https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/3099/>



Resetting government programmes

The House of Commons Public Accounts Committee has launched an inquiry on resetting government programmes.

Opens: 29 March 2023

Closes: 23 May 2023

<https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/3101/>

Science and Technology Committee

No updates

Transport Committee

No updates

Treasury Committee

No updates

National Infrastructure Commission

No updates

Misc of interest

Proposal to make a market investigation reference into the supply of public cloud infrastructure services in the UK

The Office of Communications has opened a consultation on their proposals to make a market investigation reference into the supply of public cloud infrastructure services in the UK.

Opens: 5 April 2023

Closes: 17 May 2023

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/consultations-and-statements/category-2/cloud-infrastructure-market-investigation-reference>