

## **ADEPT: Consultation Tracker July 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:**

**Summer recess:** 20 July – 4 Sept 2023

**Conference season:** 19 Sept – 16 Oct 2023

**Liberal Democrat Party Conference:** 23 – 26 Sept 2023

**Conservative Party Conference:** 1 Oct – 4 Oct 2023

**Green Party Conference:** 06 Oct – 08 Oct 2023

**Labour Party Conference:** 08 Oct – 11 Oct 2023

### **Department consultations**

#### **Cabinet Office**

##### **Part 2 Consultation on draft regulations to implement the Procurement Bill**

The Cabinet Office has published a Consultation on draft regulations to implement the Procurement Bill.

Opens: 17 July 2023

Closes: 25 August 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/part-2-consultation-on-draft-regulations-to-implement-the-procurement-bill>

#### **Department for Business and Trade**

##### **British Industry Supercharger: Network Charging Compensation Scheme**

The Department for Business and Trade has opened a consultation on the Network Charging Compensation Scheme and its funding mechanism.

Opens: 29 June 2023

Closes: 24 August 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/british-industry-supercharger-network-charging-compensation-scheme>

#### **Department for Culture, Media and Sport**

No updates

#### **Department for Energy Security and Net Zero**

##### **Towards a more innovative energy retail market: a call for evidence**

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a call for evidence to consider barriers to innovation in the energy retail market.

Opens: 24 July 2023

Closes: 18 September 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/towards-a-more-innovative-energy-retail-market-a-call-for-evidence>

### **Enabling industrial electrification: a call for evidence**

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a call for evidence to consider how to enable industry to switch away from fossil fuels to electricity.

Opens: 19 July 2023

Closes: 20 October 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/enabling-industrial-electrification-a-call-for-evidence>

### **Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs**

#### **Consultation on Protecting Hedgerows**

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on protecting hedgerows.

Opens: 28 June 2023

Closes: 20 September 2023

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/legal-standards/consultation-on-protecting-hedgerows/>

#### **Draft producer responsibility obligations (packaging and packaging waste) regulations**

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on the draft regulations for extended producer responsibility (EPR) for packaging across the UK.

Opens: 28 July 2023

Closes: 9 October 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-producer-responsibility-obligations-packaging-and-packaging-waste-regulations>

### **Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities**

#### **Best value standards and intervention - a statutory guide for best value authorities: consultation**

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has opened a consultation on statutory guidance for local authorities on the Best Value Duty.

Opens: 4 July 2023

Closes: 15 August 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/best-value-standards-and-intervention-a-statutory-guide-for-best-value-authorities-consultation>

#### **Proposals to exempt categories of dwellings from the council tax premiums**

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has opened a consultation on a range of circumstances where the empty homes and/or second homes premium should not apply, including the government's proposal of possible exceptions.

Opens: 6 July 2023

Closes: 31 August 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposals-to-exempt-categories-of-dwellings-from-the-council-tax-premiums>

#### **Permitted development rights**

The Department for Levelling Up Housing & Communities has opened a consultation on additional flexibilities to support housing delivery, the agricultural sector, businesses, high streets and open prisons; and a call for evidence on nature-based solutions, farm efficiency projects and diversification.

Opens: 24 July 2023

Closes: 25 September 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/permitted-development-rights>



### **Plan-making reforms: consultation on implementation**

The Department for Levelling Up Housing & Communities has opened a consultation proposals to make local plans (and minerals and waste plans) simpler, faster to prepare, and more accessible.

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Opens: 25 July 2023

Closes: 18 October 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/plan-making-reforms-consultation-on-implementation>

### **Operational reforms to the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) consenting process**

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has opened a consultation seeking views on the details to the operational reforms which the government is looking to make to the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP) consenting process.

Opens: 25 July 2023

Closes 19 September 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/operational-reforms-to-the-nationally-significant-infrastructure-project-consenting-process>

### **Department for Science, Innovation and Technology**

No updates

### **Department for Transport**

#### **Freight and logistics and the planning system: call for evidence**

The Department for Transport has published a consultation on freight and logistics and the planning system.

Opens: 4 July 2023

Closes: 6 October 2023

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/OWWZS6/>

### **HM Revenue & Customs**

#### **Plastic packaging tax - chemical recycling and adoption of a mass balance approach**

HM Revenue & Customs has opened a consultation seeking views on the potential adoption of a mass balance approach for chemically recycled plastic in the Plastic Packaging Tax.

Opens: 18 July 2023

Closes: 10 October 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/plastic-packaging-tax-chemical-recycling-and-adoption-of-a-mass-balance-approach>

### **HM Treasury**

No updates

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

#### **Business and Trade Committee**

No updates

#### **Culture, Media and Sport Committee**

No updates



### **EFRA Committee**

No updates

### **Energy Security and Net Zero Committee**

#### **A flexible Grid for the future**

The House of Commons Energy Security and Net Zero Committee has launched an inquiry into how the grid develops, whether there is a need for one size fits all solution or whether more local solutions might deliver quicker benefits.

Opens: 7 July 2023

Closes: 25 August 2023

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/7831/>

#### **Heating our homes**

The House of Commons Energy Security and Net Zero Committee has launched an inquiry into issues surrounding the ability of UK citizens to heat their homes and to take control of their energy bills.

Opens: 7 July 2023

Closes: 25 August 2023

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/7830/heating-our-homes/>

#### **Keeping the power on: our future energy technology mix**

The House of Commons Energy Security and Net Zero Committee has launched an inquiry into the UK's future energy technology mix.

Opens: 7 July 2023

Closes: 25 August 2023

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/7832/>

#### **Preparing for the winter**

The House of Commons Energy Security and Net Zero Committee has launched an inquiry into the lessons learned by the Ofgem, the Government and energy companies last winter on how to support people through the coldest part of the year.

Opens: 7 July 2023

Closes: 25 August 2023

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/7829/preparing-for-the-winter/>

### **Environmental Audit Committee**

No updates

### **Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee**

No updates

### **Public Accounts Committee**

No updates

### **Science and Technology Committee**

No updates

### **Transport Committee**

No updates

### **Treasury Committee**

No updates



## National Infrastructure Commission

No updates

### Misc of interest

#### **Public Bodies Review of Homes England: call for evidence**

The Public Bodies Review team has launched a call for evidence to gather views and experiences of working with Homes England. The review will focus on how effectively Homes England carries out its responsibilities, how efficiently it is run and whether it has appropriate governance in place.

Opens: 21 July 2023

Closes: 14 September 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/public-bodies-review-of-homes-england-call-for-evidence>

#### **Driver licensing for people with medical conditions: call for evidence**

The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency has launched a call for evidence to help identify areas where policy or legislative changes may be able to improve outcomes for drivers and other road users.

Opens: 31 July 2023

Closes: 22 October 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/driver-licensing-for-people-with-medical-conditions-call-for-evidence>