

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker October 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:

Conference season: 19 Sept – 16 Oct 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

Autumn Statement: 22 Nov 2023

Christmas recess: 09 Dec 2023 – 08 Jan 2024

Department consultations

Cabinet Office

No updates

Department for Business and Trade

No updates

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

No updates

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

Capacity Market 2023: Phase 2 proposals and 10 year review

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation on the Electricity Capacity Market. The main policy proposals broadly fall into 2 categories:

- strengthening security of supply
- accelerating investment in low carbon technologies

Opens: 16 October 2023

Closes: 8 December 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/capacity-market-2023-phase-2-proposals-and-10-year-review>

Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

Review of technical guidance for crematoriums

The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs is seeking views on updated guidance for the limiting of emissions from crematoriums.

Opens: 9 October 2023

Closes: 3 December 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-technical-guidance-for-crematoriums>

Consultation on the proposed ban of the manufacture supply and sale of wet wipes containing plastic

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on the proposed ban of the manufacture supply and sale of wet wipes containing plastic.

Opens: 14 October 2023

Closes: 25 November 2023

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/wet-wipes-1/wet-wipes-containing-plastic/>



Consultation on a WEEE Compliance Fee Methodology 2023

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on the UK Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations 2013.

Opens 16 October 2023

Closes 13 November 2023

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/product-regulation-and-producer-responsibility/weee-compliance-fee-methodology-2023/>

Simpler recycling in England: additional policies

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on additional policies related to Simpler Recycling in England.

Opens: 21 October 2023

Closes: 20 November 2023

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/simpler-recycling-additional-policies/>

Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

No updates

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

Improving broadband for Very Hard to Reach premises

The Department for Science, Innovation and Technology has published a public consultation on Improving broadband for Very Hard to Reach premises

Opens: 2 October 2023

Closes: 27 November 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/improving-broadband-for-very-hard-to-reach>

Reviewing the broadband Universal Service Obligation

The Department for Science, Innovation and Technology has published a public consultation on Reviewing the broadband Universal Service Obligation.

Opens: 2 October 2023

Closes: 27 November 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/reviewing-the-broadband-universal-service-obligation>

Department for Transport

Updating GB type approval for road vehicles

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation on whether to update the GB road vehicle type approval scheme to accept certain new safety and environmental standards.

Opens: 12 October 2023

Closes 10 November 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/updating-gb-type-approval-for-road-vehicles>

Infrastructure for zero emission heavy goods vehicles and coaches

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation on the development of a zero emission heavy goods vehicle and coach infrastructure strategy.

Opens: 19 October 2023

Closes: 14 December 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/infrastructure-for-zero-emission-heavy-goods-vehicles-and-coaches>



HM Revenue & Customs

No updates

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

No updates

Environmental Audit Committee

What role can small modular reactors play in the UK's move away from fossil fuels?

The Environmental Audit Committee has launched a new inquiry considering small modular reactors and their role in the UK's transition from fossil fuels.

Opens: 19 October 2023

Closes: 9 November 2023

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/7965/small-modular-reactors-in-the-transition-from-fossil-fuels/>

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

Environment Agency charge proposals for notified international waste shipments

The Environment Agency has published a public consultation on proposals for notified international waste shipments.

Opens: 4 October 2023

Closes: 29 November 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/environment-agency-charge-proposals-for-notified-international-waste-shipments>

Biodiversity Roadmap Consultation

The Construction Leadership Council has opened a consultation on a biodiversity roadmap.

Opens: 9 October 2023

Closes: 17 November 2023

<https://www.constructionleadershipcouncil.co.uk/news/biodiversity-roadmap-consultation-launched/>

Consultation under sections 13 and 12A of the Water Industry Act 1991 on proposed licence modifications to introduce customer-focused principles for all water companies

The Water Services Regulation Authority has opened a consultation on proposed licence modifications to introduce customer-focused principles for all water companies.

Opens: 12 October 2023

Closes: 23 November 2023

<https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/consultation/consultation-under-sections-13-and-12a-of-the-water-industry-act-1991-on-proposed-licence-modifications-to-introduce-customer-focused-principles-for-all-water-companies/>