

## **ADEPT: Consultation Tracker February 2024**

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:**

**February recess:** 08 – 19 Feb 2024

**Spring Budget:** 06 March 2024

**Easter recess:** 26 March – 15 April 2024

**May Day:** 02 – 07 May

### **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**

##### **Transmission license exemption for array systems connecting to offshore substations**

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation on a proposed exemption from the requirement to hold a transmission licence for array systems connecting an offshore windfarm to an offshore substation.

Opens: 6 February 2024

Closes: 5 March 2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/transmission-license-exemption-for-array-systems-connecting-to-offshore-substations>

##### **Alternative routes to market for new nuclear projects**

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation to understand how government can support investment in advanced nuclear technologies and enable high value projects to be taken forward.

Opens: 20 February 2024

Closes: 12 April 2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/alternative-routes-to-market-for-new-nuclear-projects>

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

No updates

### Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

#### **Addressing the local audit backlog in England: Consultation**

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has opened a consultation on proposals to clear the backlog of local audits in England.

Opens: 8 February 2024

Closes: 7 March 2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/addressing-the-local-audit-backlog-in-england-consultation>

#### **Changes to various permitted development rights: consultation**

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has opened a consultation on changes to several existing permitted development rights that allow for householder development, building upwards to create new homes, the demolition of certain buildings and rebuild as homes, electric vehicle charge points and air source heat pumps.

Opens: 13 February 2024

Closes: 9 April 2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-various-permitted-development-rights-consultation>

#### **Strengthening planning policy for brownfield development**

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has opened a consultation on changes to national planning policy to support brownfield development and reviewing the threshold for referral of applications to the Mayor of London.

Opens: 13 February 2024

Closes: 26 March 2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/strengthening-planning-policy-for-brownfield-development>

### Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

No updates

### Department for Transport

#### **Street works access: electric vehicle chargepoint operators**

The Department for Transport has published a public consultation on street works access: electric vehicle chargepoint operators.

Opens: 5 February 2024

Closes: 12 April 2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/street-works-access-electric-vehicle-chargepoint-operators>

#### **Renewable transport fuel obligation: addressing multiple incentives**

The Department for Transport is seeking views on how DfT will address the issue of multiple incentives in the case of the renewable transport fuel obligation and SAF mandate.

Opens: 29 February 2024

Closes: 18 March 2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/renewable-transport-fuel-obligation-addressing-multiple-incentives>



### **Smarter regulation: proposed changes to legislation for electrically assisted pedal cycles**

The Department for Transport is seeking views on proposed changes to the regulations on electrically assisted pedal cycles (EAPCs or e-cycles).

Opens: 29 February 2024

Closes: 15 April 2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/smarter-regulation-proposed-changes-to-legislation-for-electrically-assisted-pedal-cycles>

#### **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**

No updates

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

No updates

##### **Public Accounts Committee**

##### **Science and Technology Committee**

No updates

##### **Transport Committee**

No updates

##### **Treasury Committee**

No updates

#### **Misc of interest**