

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker November 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:

November recess: 6 November - 11 November

Christmas recess: 19 December - 6 January

Department consultations

Cabinet Office

No updates

Department for Business and Trade (Business, Economy & Financial Services)

UK Green Taxonomy

HM Treasury has opened a consultation on a UK Green Taxonomy as part of the UK's wider sustainable finance framework.

Opens: 15 November 2024

Closes: 6 February 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/uk-green-taxonomy>

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

Use of AI in Government

The Public Accounts Committee has opened an inquiry into the use of artificial intelligence in government.

Opens: 1 November 2024

Closes: TBC

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8580/use-of-ai-in-government/>

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

Capacity Market: proposals to maintain security of supply and enable flexible capacity to decarbonise

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation on the Capacity Market.

Opens: 15 October 2024

Closes: 10 December 2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/capacity-market-proposals-to-maintain-security-of-supply-and-enable-flexible-capacity-to-decarbonise>

Heat networks regulation: implementing consumer protections

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation on heat networks regulation.

Opens: 7 November 2024

Closes: 30 January 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/heat-networks-regulation-implementing-consumer-protections>

Regulation of solid radioactive waste disposal facilities: proposed guidance

The Environment Agency has opened a consultation on proposed updates to guidance on the regulation of solid radioactive waste disposal facilities.

Opens: 12 November 2024

Closes: 28 February 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/regulation-of-solid-radioactive-waste-disposal-facilities-proposed-guidance#:~:text=The%20Environment%20Agency%2C%20NRW%20and,a%20radioactive%20waste%20disposal%20facility.>

Additions to the CfD contract arising from the introduction of the Clean Industry Bonus

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation on proposed additions to the CfD contract relating to the Clean Industry Bonus (CIB).

Opens: 12 November 2024

Closes: 10 December 2024

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/additions-to-the-cfd-contract-arising-from-the-introduction-of-the-clean-industry-bonus?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=68298437-b3d4-4a3d-9c8d-52d0e096dbb3&utm_content=immediately

Unlocking community energy at scale

The Energy Security and Net Zero Committee has published a committee inquiry on community energy.

Opens: 11 November 2024

Closes: 13 January 2025

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8609/unlocking-community-energy-at-scale/>

Workforce planning to deliver clean, secure energy

The Energy Security and Net Zero Committee has published a committee inquiry on how to build the workforce that is needed to deliver the policies and infrastructure for the UK's clean, secure energy mission.

Opens: 11 November 2024

Closes: 13 January 2025

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8607/workforce-planning-to-deliver-clean-secure-energy/news/>

Energy Company Obligation 4 and the Great British Insulation Scheme: mid-scheme changes

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation on proposed changes to the Energy Company Obligation (ECO4) scheme and Great British Insulation Scheme (GBIS).

Opens: 14 November 2024

Closes: 12 December 2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/energy-company-obligation-4-and-the-great-british-insulation-scheme-mid-scheme-changes>

Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

UK Pollutant Release and Transfer Register: National Implementation Report 2025

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on the UK Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (PRTR) national implementation report.

Opens: 11 October 2024

Closes: 5 December 2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/uk-pollutant-release-and-transfer-register-national-implementation-report-2025>

Consultation on the regulatory approach and use of civil sanctions for hedgerow management

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on the proposed regulatory approach and use of civil sanctions for hedgerow management.

Opens: 29 October 2024

Closes: 10 December 2024

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/legal-standards/consultation-on-hedgerow-regulatory-approach/>

Carbon Capture, Usage and Storage

The Public Accounts Committee has opened an inquiry into Carbon Capture, Usage and Storage (CCUS).

Opens: 1 November 2024

Closes: TBC

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8576/carbon-capture-usage-and-storage/>

Drought: how it is managed in England

The Environment Agency has opened a consultation on gathering feedback and input on a drought management document.

Opens: 8 November 2024

Closes: 10 January 2025

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/environment-and-business/drought-how-it-is-managed-in-england/>

Draft information and guidance on storm overflows

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on draft information and guidance on storm overflows.

Opens: 21 November 2024

Closes: 24 January 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-information-and-guidance-on-storm-overflows>

Department for Justice and Home Affairs

Judicial Review and Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects

The Ministry of Justice has opened a call for evidence on the recommendations of the Independent Review of Legal Challenges to Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects by Lord Banner KC.

Opens: 28 October 2024

Closes: 30 December 2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/judicial-review-and-nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects>

Law Commission Considers Changes to Update Centuries-Old Burial Laws

The Law Commission has opened a public consultation on Burial and Cremation policy.

Opens: 3 October 2024

Closes: 9 January 2025

<https://lawcom.gov.uk/project/burial-and-cremation/>

Department for Health and Social Care

No updates

Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

Local Government Pension Scheme (England and Wales): Fit for the future

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on a package of proposed reforms to the structure, investments, and governance of the Local Government Pension Scheme.

Opens: 14 November 2024

Closes: 16 January 2025

<https://consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-pensions/fit-for-the-future/>

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

Notice that Simpli Water Limited has applied for a Water license and Sewerage license with retail authorisations

Water Services Regulation Authority has opened a consultation on a Water license and Sewerage license with retail authorisations.

Opens: 25 November 2024

Closes: TBC

<https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/consultation/notice-that-simpli-water-limited-has-applied-for-a-water-license-and-sewerage-license-with-retail-authorisations/>

Department for Transport

East West Rail consultation 2024

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation on proposals for a new rail link between Oxford, Milton Keynes, Bedford and Cambridge.

Opens: 14 November 2024

Closes: 24 January 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/east-west-rail-consultation-2024>

RTFO statutory review and future of the scheme

The Department for Transport has opened a call for evidence on the current Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation (RTFO).

Opens: 25 November 2024

Closes: 27 January 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/rtfo-statutory-review-and-future-of-the-scheme>

HM Treasury

No updates

Current committee consultations & inquiries

Business and Trade Committee

Business and Trade Committee: priorities

The Business and Trade Committee has opened an inquiry on issues in business and trade policy.

Opens: 13 November 2024

Closes: TBC

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8625/business-and-trade-committee-priorities/>

Culture, Media and Sport Committee

No updates

EFRA Committee

No updates

Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

Retrofitting homes for net zero

The Energy Security and Net Zero Committee has published an inquiry on the policy changes needed to deliver low carbon heating and energy efficient homes.

Opens: 19 November 2024

Closes: TBC

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8655/retrofitting-homes-for-net-zero/>

Environmental Audit Committee

No updates

Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

Consultation on future social housing rent policy

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on the future social housing rent policy.

Opens: 30 October 2024

Closes: 23 December 2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-future-social-housing-rent-policy>

Reforming the Right to Buy

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on how the Right to Buy should be reformed to deliver a fairer, better value, and more sustainable scheme.

Opens: 20 November 2024

Closes: 15 January 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/reforming-the-right-to-buy>

Rough Sleeping

The Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee has launched a public inquiry on rough sleeping.

Opens: 6 November 2024

Closes: TBD

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8556/rough-sleeping/>

Public Accounts Committee

Support for children and young people with special educational needs

The Public Accounts Committee has opened an inquiry into support for children and young people with special educational needs.

Opens: 1 November 2024

Closes: TBC

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8582/support-for-children-and-young-people-with-special-educational-needs/>

The Remediation of Dangerous Cladding

The Public Accounts Committee has opened an inquiry on the remediation of dangerous cladding.

Opens: 1 November 2024

Closes: TBC

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8585/the-remediation-of-dangerous-cladding/>

Local roads in England

The Public Accounts Committee has opened an inquiry on local roads in England.

Opens: 1 November 2024

Closes: TBC

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8574/local-roads-in-england/>

Science and Technology Committee

Social media, misinformation and harmful algorithms

The Science, Innovation and Technology Committee has published an inquiry on social media, misinformation and harmful algorithms.

Opens: 20 November 2024

Closes: TBC

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8641/social-media-misinformation-and-harmful-algorithms/>

Transport Committee

No updates

Treasury Committee

No updates

Misc of interest