

## **ADEPT: Consultation Tracker December 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:**

**Christmas recess:** 19 December - 6 January 2025

**February recess:** 13 – 24 February 2025

**Spring Forecast:** 26 March 2025

**Easter recess:** 8 - 22 April 2025

**May Day:** 01 – 06 May 2025,

### **Department consultations**

#### **Cabinet Office**

No updates

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

No updates

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

##### **Technology Adoption Review**

The Department for Science, Innovation and Technology has opened a call for evidence to gather additional evidence relating to what barriers are most significant to technology adoption within the 8 Industrial Strategy sectors.

Opens: 17 December 2024

Closes: 14 February 2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/technology-adoption-review/technology-adoption-review>

##### **Protecting built heritage**

The Culture, Media and Sport Committee has published an inquiry on the importance of built heritage in the UK and the barriers to its preservation.

Opens: 16 December 2024

Closes: 3 February 2025

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8742/protecting-built-heritage/>

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

##### **Capacity Market: proposals to modernise Rules and improve participation and delivery assurance of consumer-led flexibility**

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation on proposed changes to the Capacity Market to modernise Capacity Market Rules and improve the participation and delivery assurance of consumer-led flexibility (via Demand Side Response mechanisms).

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/capacity-market-proposals-to-modernise-rules-and-improve-participation-and-delivery-assurance-of-consumer-led-flexibility>

### **UK Emissions Trading Scheme: free allocation review - carbon leakage**

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation on using the Carbon Leakage List to determine UKETS free allocation eligibility.

Opens: 17 December 2024

Closes: 10 March 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/uk-emissions-trading-scheme-free-allocation-review-carbon-leakage>

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

#### **Environment Agency charges proposal for greenhouse gas emissions**

The Environment Agency has opened a consultation on the proposed updates to our charges for UKETS, CORSIA, and the UKETS and national registries.

Opens: 29 November 2024

Closes: 24 January 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/environment-agency-charges-proposal-for-greenhouse-gas-emissions>

#### **Standard Rules Consultation No 29 - Proposals for new standard rules permit for using unbound incinerator bottom ash aggregate (IBAA) in construction as a deposit for recovery operation**

The Environment Agency has opened a consultation on a new standard rules permit for the use of incinerator bottom ash aggregate.

Opens: 9 December 2024

Closes: 3 March 2025

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/environment-and-business/standard-rules-consultation-no-29/>

#### **Proposed changes to the water company drought plan guideline**

The Environment Agency has opened a consultation on updates to the guideline that water companies in England must follow when they prepare and publish their drought plans by 2027.

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Closes: 26 January 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-changes-to-the-water-company-drought-plan-guideline>

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#### **Environment Agency charge proposal for fluorinated greenhouse gases and ozone depleting substances**

The Environment Agency has opened a consultation on proposed new regulatory charges for fluorinated greenhouse gases (F Gas) and ozone depleting substances (ODS).

Opens: 19 December 2024

Closes: 13 February 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/environment-agency-charge-proposal-for-fluorinated-greenhouse-gases-and-ozone-depleting-substances>

## Department for Justice and Home Affairs

### Community Cohesion

The Women and Equalities Select Committee has opened an inquiry on community cohesion at a local and national level.

Opens: 3 December 2024

Closes: 31 January 2025

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8696/community-cohesion/>

## Department for Health and Social Care

No updates

## Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

### Reforms to the Energy Performance of Buildings regime

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on changes to Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs), Display Energy Certificates (DECs), and air conditioning inspection reports (ACIRs).

Opens: 4 December 2024

Closes: 26 February 2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/reforms-to-the-energy-performance-of-buildings-regime>

### Provisional local government finance settlement 2025 to 2026

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on provisional local government finance settlement 2025 to 2026.

Opens: 18 December 2024

Closes: 15 January 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-provisional-local-government-finance-settlement-2025-to-2026>

### Compulsory Purchase Process and Compensation Reforms

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on a range of technical reforms to the compulsory purchase process and compensation rules.

Opened: 19 December 2024

Closes: 13 February 2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/compulsory-purchase-process-and-compensation-reforms>

## Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

### Consultation on Ofwat's approach to mergers and Statement of Methods

The Water Services Regulation Authority has opened a public consultation on Ofwat's approach to mergers and Statement of Methods.

Opens: 3 December 2024

Closes: 21 January 2025

<https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/consultation/consultation-on-ofwats-approach-to-mergers-and-statement-of-methods/>

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## Department for Transport

### **Integrated National Transport Strategy: a call for ideas**

The Department for Transport has opened a call for evidence on the development of an Integrated National Transport Strategy for England.

Opens: 28 November 2024

Closes: 30 January 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/integrated-national-transport-strategy-a-call-for-ideas>

### **Implementing the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA)**

The Department for Transport has published a consultation on implementing the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation.

Opens: 16 December 2024

Closes: 10 February 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/implementing-the-carbon-offsetting-and-reduction-scheme-for-international-aviation-corsia>

### **Phasing out sales of new petrol and diesel cars from 2030 and supporting the ZEV transition**

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation on phasing out sales of new petrol and diesel cars from 2030 and supporting the ZEV transition.

Opened: 24 December 2024

Closes: 18 February 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/zero-emission-vans-regulatory-flexibility>

### **Zero emission vans: regulatory flexibility**

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation on proposals to reduce regulatory burdens for businesses operating zero emission vans.

Opened: 24 December 2024

Closes: 3 March 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/zero-emission-vans-regulatory-flexibility>

## HM Treasury

No updates

## Current committee consultations & inquiries

### **Business and Trade Committee**

No updates

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

#### **Protecting built heritage**

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Opens: 16 December 2024

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<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8742/protecting-built-heritage/>

### **Education Committee**

#### **Solving the SEND Crisis**

The Education Committee has published an inquiry on achieving short-term stability and long-term sustainability for the SEND system to improve outcomes for children and young people.

Opens: 20 December 2024

Closes: 30 January 2025

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8684/solving-the-send-crisis/>

### **EFRA Committee**

#### **Reforming the Water Sector**

The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee has published an inquiry on reforming the water sector to address issues such as pollution, water security, and corporate performance.

Opens: 19 December 2024

Closes: TBC

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8765/reforming-the-water-sector/>

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

No updates

### **Environmental Audit Committee**

#### **Flood resilience in England**

The Environmental Audit Committee has published an inquiry on flood resilience in England.

Opens: 10 December 2024

Closes: 13 January 2025

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8736/flood-resilience-in-england/publications/>

### **Housing and Communities and Local Government Committee**

#### **The Funding and Sustainability of Local Government Finance**

The Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee has published an inquiry on reform local government finance.

Opens: 11 December 2024

Closes: 27 January 2025

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8703/the-funding-and-sustainability-of-local-government-finance/>

### **Public Accounts Committee**

#### **Energy Bills Support**

The Public Accounts Committee has opened an inquiry on energy bills.

Opens: 29 November 2024

Closes: 23 January 2025

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8699/energy-bills-support/>

### **Science and Technology Committee**

#### **Innovation, growth and the regions**

The Science, Innovation and Technology Select Committee has published an inquiry into "Innovation, growth and the regions".

Opens: 6 December 2024

Closes: 13 January 2025

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8729/innovation-growth-and-the-regions/>

### **Innovation showcase**

The Science, Innovation and Technology Select Committee has published an inquiry into the UK innovation landscape, including the regulatory framework and the investment and funding ecosystem.

Opens: 4 December 2024

Closes: TBC

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8708/innovation-showcase/>

### **Transport Committee**

#### **Buses connecting communities**

The Transport Committee has opened an inquiry on tackling the decline in bus services.

Opens: 28 November 2024

Closes: 17 January 2025

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8619/buses-connecting-communities/>

#### **Managing the impact of street works**

The Transport Committee has published an inquiry into the effects of street works on surface quality and maintenance costs.

Opens: 6 December 2024

Closes: 21 January 2025

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8705/managing-the-impact-of-street-works/>

### **Treasury Committee**

No updates

### **Misc of interest**