

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker July 2025

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: 22 July – 1 September 2025

Conference: 16 September – 13 October 2025

Department consultations

Cabinet Office

No updates

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

Draft amendment to the Competition Act 1998 (Public Transport Ticketing Schemes Block Exemption) Order 2001

Department for Business and Trade has opened a consultation on extending and clarifying the PTTSBE relating to trunk bus services.

Opened: 14 July 2025

Closes: 25 August 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-amendment-to-the-competition-act-1998-public-transport-ticketing-schemes-block-exemption-order-2001>

Network Charging Compensation Scheme uplift for energy intensive industries

The Department for Business and Trade has opened a consultation on increasing the NCC scheme relief from 60% to 90%.

Opened: 18 July 2025

Closes: 15 August 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/network-charging-compensation-scheme-uplift-for-energy-intensive-industries>

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

No updates

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

Assessment and rating of wind turbine noise guidance: proposed updates

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation on updated technical guidance for assessing noise from onshore wind turbines.

Opened: 4 July 2025

Closes: 29 August 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/assessment-and-rating-of-wind-turbine-noise-guidance-proposed-updates>

Consumer-led flexibility - consumer engagement

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation on approaches to engage consumers.

Opened: 19 July 2025

Closes: 23 July 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consumer-led-flexibility-consumer-engagement>

Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

Proposed reforms to the WaterSure support scheme

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on reforms to strengthen the WaterSure scheme.

Opened: 21 July 2025

Closes: 1 September 2025

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/consumers-and-affordability/reforming-the-watersure-scheme/>

Offshore Wind Environmental Compensatory Measures Reforms

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on reforming compensatory measures for offshore wind impacts.

Opened: 22 July 2025

Closes: 2 September 2025

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/environmental-assessment-reform/environmental-compensation-reform/>

Department for Justice and Home Affairs

No updates

Department for Health and Social Care

No updates

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

Improving the Energy Efficiency of Socially Rented Homes in England

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on proposals for a minimum energy efficiency standard for socially rented homes.

Opened: 2 July 2025

Closes: 10 September 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/improving-the-energy-efficiency-of-socially-rented-homes-in-england>

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

Expanding the information sharing powers in Part 5 (chapter one) of the Digital Economy Act 2017 to support passported benefits and reduce fuel poverty

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology has opened a consultation on proposals to expand information sharing to improve public services and address fuel poverty.

Opened: 29 July 2025

Closes: 23 September 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/expanding-the-information-sharing-powers-in-part-5-chapter-one-of-the-digital-economy-act-2017-to-support-passported-benefits-reduce-fuel-poverty>

Department for Transport

No updates

HM Treasury

Consultation on Land Remediation Relief

HM Treasury has opened a consultation on the effectiveness and robustness of Land Remediation Relief.

Opened: 21 July 2025

Closes: 15 September 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-land-remediation-relief>

Current committee consultations & inquiries

Business and Trade Committee

No updates

Culture, Media and Sport Committee

No updates

EFRA Committee

No updates

Economic Affairs Committee

No updates

Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

No updates

Environmental Audit Committee

No updates

Housing and Communities and Local Government Committee

Housing Conditions in England

Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee has opened an inquiry into the condition of homes in England.

Opened: 3 July 2025

Closes: 15 August 2025

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/9221/housing-conditions-in-england/>

Affordability of Home Ownership

The Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee has opened an inquiry into the challenges faced by first-time buyers and low-income households in securing home ownership.

Opened: 17 July 2025

Closes: 29 August 2025

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/9247/affordability-of-home-ownership/>

Public Accounts Committee

Faulty energy efficiency installations

Public Accounts Committee has opened an inquiry on failures in ECO4 and GBIS home insulation schemes and their implications for public funding and net zero goals.

Opened: 10 July 2025

Closes: TBC

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/9272/faulty-energy-efficiency-installations/>

Science and Technology Committee

No updates

Transport Committee

Skills for transport manufacturing

The Transport Committee has opened an inquiry into skills shortages and future workforce needs across UK transport manufacturing sectors.

Opened: 22 July 2025

Closes: 15 September 2025

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/9259/skills-for-transport-manufacturing/>

Joined-up journeys: achieving and measuring transport integration

Transport Committee has opened an inquiry on how to improve and evaluate integrated transport networks.

Opened: 24 July 2025

Closes: 16 October 2025

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/9258/joinedup-journeys-achieving-and-measuring-transport-integration/>

Treasury Committee

No updates

Misc of interest

Waste batteries: appropriate measures for permitted facilities

The Environment Agency has opened a consultation on technical guidance for facilities storing or treating waste batteries.

Opened: 16 June 2025

Closes: 8 September 2025

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/environment-and-business/waste-batteries-appropriate-measures-for-permitted/>

Small updates to our charging rules – a consultation

The Water Services Regulation Authority has opened a consultation on proposed changes to charging rules for water companies from April 2026.

Opened: 2 July 2025

Closes: 8 August 2025

<https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/consultation/small-updates-to-our-charging-rules-a-consultation/>

The NDA group Draft Strategy 2025 for public consultation

The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority has opened a consultation on its draft strategy for the long-term management of the UK's legacy nuclear sites.

Opened: 7 July 2025

Closes: 29 September 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-nda-group-draft-strategy-2025-for-public-consultation>

A discussion paper on Ofwat's climate change principles

The Water Services Regulation Authority has opened a consultation on proposed principles to guide water companies' responses to climate change.

Opened: 15 July 2025

Closes: 26 August 2025

<https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/consultation/a-discussion-paper-on-ofwats-climate-change-principles/>

Detailed Market Sounding – Net Zero Supplier Roadmap April 2027 Scope 3 Reporting and Target Setting Supplier Requirements

NHS England has opened a consultation on proposed technical requirements for suppliers to align with NHS net zero targets by April 2027.

Opened: 15 July 2025

Closes: 19 September 2025

<https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/survey/detailed-market-sounding-supplier-roadmap/>

CP7 passenger train performance reset: consultation on targets for 2026 to 2029

Office of Rail and Road has opened a consultation on proposed performance targets for Network Rail during the final years of Control Period 7.

Opened: 10 July 2025

Closes: 5 September 2025

<https://www.orr.gov.uk/search-consultations/cp7-passenger-train-performance-reset-consultation-targets-2026-2029>