

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker February 2026

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:

- **Spring Forecast:** 3 March
- **Easter recess:** 26 March – 13 April
- **May Day:** 4 May
- **Local and mayoral elections:** 7 May

Department consultations

Cabinet Office

No updates

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

No updates

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

No updates

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

Home Energy Model: Energy Performance Certificates

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation on how the Home Energy Model will be used to assess Energy Performance Certificates using new performance metrics.

Opened: 21 January 2026

Closes: 18 March 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/home-energy-model-energy-performance-certificates>

Department for Education

SEND reform: putting children and young people first

Department for Education has opened a consultation on proposed reforms to the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) system to improve outcomes and support for children and young people.

Opened: 23 February 2026

Closes: 18 May 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/send-reform-putting-children-and-young-people-first>

Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

No updates

Department for Justice and Home Affairs

No updates

Department for Health and Social Care

No updates

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

National Planning Policy Framework: proposed reforms and other changes to the planning system

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on a revised National Planning Policy Framework and other planning system changes.

Opened: 16 December 2025

Closes: 10 March 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/national-planning-policy-framework-proposed-reforms-and-other-changes-to-the-planning-system>

Single construction regulator prospectus

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on proposals to establish a single regulator for the construction industry.

Opened: 17 December 2025

Closes: 20 March 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/single-construction-regulator-prospectus>

Environment and Climate Change Strategy 2026–2035

Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead has opened a consultation on its refreshed environment and climate strategy to support net zero goals.

Opened: 19 January 2026

Closes: 2 March 2026

https://rbwmtogether.rbwm.gov.uk/environment-and-climate-change-strategy-2?_gl=1*s9x6hc*_ga*NDY2MjlzODY4LjE3Njg5MjEyNDY.*_ga_B1S76ZFQXK*czE3Njg5MjEyNDUkbzEkZzAkdE3Njg5MjEyNDgkajU3JGwwJGgw

Social Tenant Access to Information Requirements (STAIRs) consultation

Housing Ombudsman has opened a consultation on its new role in handling complaints under the Social Tenant Access to Information Requirements (STAIRs).

Opened: 20 January 2026

Closes: 17 March 2026

<https://www.engage.housing-ombudsman.org.uk/stairs>

Design and Placemaking Planning Practice Guidance

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on the usability of consolidated planning practice guidance for design and placemaking.

Opened: 21 January 2026

Closes: 10 March 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/design-and-placemaking-planning-practice-guidance>

Local government reorganisation in Warwickshire

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on local government reorganisation in Warwickshire.

Opened: 5 February 2026

Closes: 26 March 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-warwickshire/proposals-for-local-government-reorganisation-in-warwickshire>

Local government reorganisation in Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on local government reorganisation in Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland.

Opened: 5 February 2026

Closes: 26 March 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-leicestershire-leicester-and-rutland/proposals-for-local-government-reorganisation-in-leicestershire-leicester-and-rutland>

Local government reorganisation in Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on local government reorganisation in Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire.

Opened: 5 February 2026

Closes: 26 March 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-lincolnshire-north-lincolnshire-and-north-east-lincolnshire>

Local government reorganisation in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on local government reorganisation in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

Opened: 5 February 2026

Closes: 26 March 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-staffordshire-and-stoke-on-trent>

Local government reorganisation in Nottinghamshire and Nottingham

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on local government reorganisation in Nottinghamshire and Nottingham.

Opened: 5 February 2026

Closes: 26 March 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-nottinghamshire-and-nottingham>

Local government reorganisation in Hertfordshire

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on local government reorganisation in Hertfordshire.

Opened: 5 February 2026

Closes: 26 March 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-hertfordshire>

Local government reorganisation in Oxfordshire

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on local government reorganisation in Oxfordshire.

Opened: 5 February 2026

Closes: 26 March 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-oxfordshire>

Local government reorganisation in Lancashire, Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on local government reorganisation in Lancashire, Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool.

Opened: 5 February 2026

Closes: 26 March 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-lancashire-blackburn-with-darwen-and-blackpool>

Local government reorganisation in Kent and Medway

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on local government reorganisation in Kent and Medway.

Opened: 5 February 2026

Closes: 26 March 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-kent-and-medway>

Local government reorganisation in Devon, Plymouth and Torbay

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on local government reorganisation in Devon, Plymouth and Torbay.

Opened: 5 February 2026

Closes: 26 March 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-devon-plymouth-and-torbay/proposals-for-local-government-reorganisation-in-devon-plymouth-and-torbay>

Local government reorganisation in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on local government reorganisation in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Opened: 5 February 2026

Closes: 26 March 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-cambridgeshire-and-peterborough>

Local government reorganisation in Derbyshire and Derby

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on local government reorganisation in Derbyshire and Derby.

Opened: 5 February 2026

Closes: 26 March 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-derbyshire-and-derby>

Local government reorganisation in Worcestershire

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on local government reorganisation in Worcestershire.

Opened: 5 February 2026

Closes: 26 March 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-worcestershire/proposals-for-local-government-reorganisation-in-worcestershire>

Local government reorganisation in Gloucestershire

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on local government reorganisation in Gloucestershire.

Opened: 5 February 2026

Closes: 26 March 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-gloucestershire>

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

No updates

Department for Transport

New HGV CO2 emissions regulatory framework for the UK

Department for Transport and Office for Zero Emission Vehicles has opened a consultation on future regulations to support the transition to zero emission heavy goods vehicles.

Opened: 6 January 2026

Closes: 17 March 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/new-hgv-co2-emissions-regulatory-framework-for-the->

[uk#:~:text=This%20consultation%20considers%20regulatory%20options,zero%20emission%20HGVs%20by%202040](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/new-hgv-co2-emissions-regulatory-framework-for-the-uk#:~:text=This%20consultation%20considers%20regulatory%20options,zero%20emission%20HGVs%20by%202040)

Local transport authorities and the licensing of taxis and private hire vehicles

Department for Transport has opened a consultation on making all local transport authorities in England responsible for taxi and private hire vehicle licensing.

Opened: 8 January 2026

Closes: 1 April 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-transport-authorities-and-the-licensing-of-taxis-and-private-hire-vehicles>

SAF revenue certainty mechanism: indicative heads of terms and contract allocation

Department for Transport has opened a consultation on proposals for a sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) revenue certainty mechanism.

Opened: 12 January 2026

Closes: 3 April 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/saf-revenue-certainty-mechanism-indicative-heads-of-terms-and-contract-allocation>

HM Treasury

No updates

Department for Work and Pensions

No updates

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

No updates

Public Accounts Committee

No updates

Science and Technology Committee

No updates

Transport Committee

Road Safety Strategy

Transport Committee has opened an inquiry on the Government's new Road Safety Strategy and its potential effectiveness in reducing death and serious injury.

Closes: 13 March 2026

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/9563/road-safety-strategy/>

Treasury Committee

No updates

Misc of interest

Consultation on changes to the TI&A Standard

Regulator of Social Housing has opened a consultation on proposed revisions to the Transparency, Influence and Accountability Standard and related requirements.

Opened: 9 December 2025

Closes: 3 March 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-changes-to-the-tia-standard>

Significant water management issues: river basin management plans

Environment Agency has opened a consultation on challenges to help update river basin management plans.

Opened: 20 November 2025

Closes: 20 May 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/significant-water-management-issues-river-basin-management-plans>

National Highways Stakeholder Sentiment Survey 2026

National Highways has opened a consultation on stakeholder experiences of engaging with National Highways and its ways of working.

Opened: 3 February 2026

Closes: 3 March 2026

<https://nationalhighways.citizenspace.com/he/stakeholder-sentiment-survey-2026/>