

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker

March 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:

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

Department consultations

Cabinet Office

Making public services work for you with your digital identity

Cabinet Office has opened a consultation on proposals for a national digital identity system for British and Irish citizens and foreign nationals with permission to be in the UK.

Opened: 10 March 2026

Closes: 5 May 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/making-public-services-work-for-you-with-your-digital-identity>

Seventh UK National Action Plan for Open Government: call for evidence

Cabinet Office has opened a call for evidence on informing the initial phase of the Seventh UK National Action Plan for Open Government.

Opened: 25 March 2026

Closes: 11 May 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/seventh-uk-national-action-plan-for-open-government-call-for-evidence>

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

No updates

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

No updates

Department for Energy, Energy and Net Zero

Permitted development rights for onshore wind turbines in England

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation on permitted development rights for onshore wind turbines in England.

Opened: 18 March 2026

Closes: 10 June 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/permitted-development-rights-for-onshore-wind-turbines-in-england/permitted-development-rights-for-onshore-wind-turbines-in-england-consultation-document-accessible-webpage>

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

Consultation on the Fifth Round of the Climate Adaptation Reporting Power

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on the Fifth Round of the Climate Adaptation Reporting Power.

Opened: 25 March 2026

Closes: 20 May 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/climate-adaptation-reporting-plans-for-the-fifth-round>

Department for Justice and Home Affairs

No updates

Department for Health and Social Care

No updates

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

Fees for planning applications

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on fees for planning applications.

Opened: 23 March 2026

Closes: 18 May 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/fees-for-planning-applications>

Planning committee reform: draft regulations and guidance

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on draft regulations and guidance underpinning planning committee reforms in the Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025.

Opened: 26 March 2026

Closes: 23 April 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-committee-reform-draft-regulations-and-guidance>

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

No updates

Department for Transport

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

Risks and opportunities to the sustainability of data centres in the UK

Environmental Audit Committee has opened an inquiry on the sustainability impacts of data centres, including energy and water use and implications for net zero.

Closes: 6 April 2026

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/9651/risks-and-opportunities-to-the-sustainability-of-data-centres-in-the-uk/>

Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

Modernising Elections

Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee has opened an inquiry on the health of electoral democracy and proposed reforms to increase democratic engagement.

Closes: 22 April 2026

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/9680/modernising-elections/>

Public Accounts Committee

Sizewell C

Public Accounts Committee has opened an inquiry on the Sizewell C nuclear power project, including costs, risks and value for money.

Closes: 18 May 2026

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/9713/sizewell-c/>

Northern Powerhouse Rail

Public Accounts Committee has opened an inquiry on the Northern Powerhouse Rail programme and its delivery, costs and value for money.

Closes: 13 April 2026

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/9709/northern-powerhouse-rail/>

Science and Technology Committee

No updates

Transport Committee

No updates

Treasury Committee

No updates

Misc of interest

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>

Young People and the Built Environment

Built Environment Committee has opened an inquiry on young people and the built environment.

Opened: 26 March 2026

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/9730/young-people-and-the-built-environment/>