

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker

June 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:

- Labour Party leadership
 - Nominations open and close: 9th-16th July
 - If uncontested, result confirmed 17th July (no ballot needed)
 - If contested, ballot runs 6th–27th August, result announced 29th August at Special Conference
- Summer recess: 23rd July – 3rd September
- Party conferences: 3 September – 7 October 2026 (provisional dates)

Department consultations

Cabinet Office

No updates

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

No updates

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

Expanding access to the 6 GHz band - Our approach to future mobile use in high density areas and incumbent users

Office of Communications has opened a consultation on proposals to expand access to the Upper 6 GHz band for mobile and Wi-Fi services, including defining high density areas and managing incumbent users.

Opened: 13 April 2026

Closes: 6 July 2026

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/spectrum/innovative-use-of-spectrum/expanding-access-to-the-6-ghz-band-approach-to-future-mobile-use-and-incumbent-users>

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

Plug-in solar: Regulatory amendment and interim product specification

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation on proposals to enable the safe and legal use of plug-in solar products in the UK through regulatory changes and an interim product specification.

Opened: 16 June 2026

Closes: 30 June 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/plug-in-solar>

Reforming Consumer Protection for Home Upgrade Schemes

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation on reforming the consumer protection system for home upgrades to support delivery of the Warm Homes Plan.

Opened: 17 June 2026

Closes: 10 September 2026

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/reforming-consumer-protection-for-home-upgrade-schemes?utm_source=chatgpt.com

Department for Education

GCSE natural history proposed subject content

Department for Education has opened a consultation on the proposed subject content for a new GCSE in natural history in England.

Opened: 12 June 2026

Closes: 4 September 2026

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/gcse-and-a-level-policy-team/gcse-natural-history-proposed-subject-content/>

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

High Value Council Tax Surcharge

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, HM Treasury and HM Revenue & Customs have opened a consultation on the design and delivery of the High Value Council Tax Surcharge for residential properties worth £2 million and above in England.

Opened: 19 May 2026

Closes: 14 July 2026

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/high-value-council-tax-surcharge?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=64ae3bbb-f948-488f-a812-fca43391bb8b&utm_content=immediately

Permitted development rights: schools, assets of community value, defence and conservation

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on proposed changes to permitted development rights covering schools affected by RAAC, assets of community value, closed defence sites and conservation measures within Environmental Delivery Plans.

Opened: 10 June 2026

Closes: 5 August 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/permitted-development-rights-schools-assets-of-community-value-defence-and-conservation>

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

No updates

Department for Transport

Automated vehicles: statement of safety principles

Department for Transport has opened a consultation on the draft statement of safety principles for automated vehicles.

Opened: 17 June 2026

Closes: 9 September 2026

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/automated-vehicles-statement-of-safety-principles?utm_source=chatgpt.com

Electric vehicles: strategic charging infrastructure scheme

Seeks views on proposals for a scheme that addresses high electricity network upgrade costs at motorway service areas in England.

Opened: 26 June 2026

Closes: 28 July 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/electric-vehicles-strategic-charging-infrastructure-scheme>

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, Communities and Local Government Committee

No updates

Public Accounts Committee

No updates

Science and Technology Committee

No updates

Transport Committee

No updates

Treasury Committee

No updates

Misc of interest

Plastic Packaging Tax — mechanically recycled plastic packaging

HM Revenue & Customs has opened a consultation on the potential introduction of mandatory certification requirements for mechanically recycled plastic used for Plastic Packaging Tax purposes.

Opened: 18 May 2026

Closes: 10 August 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/plastic-packaging-tax-mechanically-recycled-plastic-packaging>

Hurst Spit to Lymington Draft Strategy Consultation

Environment Agency has opened a consultation on the draft Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for the coastline between Hurst Spit and Lymington.

Opened: 19 June 2026

Closes: 25 September 2026

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/solent-and-south-downs/hurst-spit-to-lymington-strategy-consultation/>

Hurst Spit to Lymington Strategy - Strategic Environmental Assessment Consultation

Environment Agency has opened a consultation on the Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Hurst Spit to Lymington Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy.

Opened: 19 June 2026

Closes: 25 September 2026

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/solent-and-south-downs/hurst-spit-to-lymington-sea-consultation/>