

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker June 2020

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.

Department consultations

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Smart meter coordinated consumer engagement

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on proposals to update Smart Energy GB's objectives, strengthen its governance, and revise its funding model, to focus on supporting the next phase of the rollout.

Opens: 18 June 2020

Closes: 13 August 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/smart-meter-coordinated-consumer-engagement>

Feed-In Tariffs scheme accreditation deadlines: proposed changes

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation seeking views on whether the current 6-month extension provided for the imminently affected projects will be sufficient to allow them to complete commissioning and accredit.

Opens: 19 June 2020

Closes: 17 July 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/feed-in-tariffs-scheme-accreditation-deadlines-proposed-changes>

Combined Heat and Power (CHP): the route to 2050 - call for evidence

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on the current benefits from Combined Heat and Power (CHP), the future role of CHP generation in achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, and supporting green recovery and how the technology might support the decarbonisation of heat and industry.

Opens: 12 June 2020

Closes: 4 September 2020

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/combined-heat-and-power-chp-the-route-to-2050-call-for-evidence?utm_source=4a81e074-df1c-4042-a691-41b769016136&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

Energy Technology List Scheme: its future direction and technical changes to the 2020 update

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on the future direction of the scheme, and on proposed technical changes for the 2020 update of the Energy Technology Criteria List (ETCL).

Opens: 12 June 2020

Closes: 7 August 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/energy-technology-list-scheme-its-future-direction-and-technical-changes-to-the-2020-update>



Energy-related products: call for evidence

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on the future of UK products policy and our aim to achieve greater carbon savings. It is seeking views on how to improve the efficacy of ecodesign and energy labelling policy and current assumptions around the carbon-savings potential of number of specific products.

Opens: 15 June 2020

Closes: 4 September 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/energy-related-products-call-for-evidence>

Transmission licence exemptions for offshore wind farm generators affected by COVID-19

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on a proposed exemption order, for wind farm generators in tender rounds 5 and 6 of the OTO regime affected by COVID-19.

Opens: 15 June 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/transmission-licence-exemptions-for-offshore-wind-farm-generators-affected-by-covid-19>

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Environmental land management: policy discussion

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs is seeking to open a discussion on our initial proposals for designing an Environmental Land Management scheme.

Opens: 24th June 2020

Closes 31 July 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/environmental-land-management-policy-discussion-document>

Reservoir safety: making reservoir emergency on-site flood plans

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on making reservoir emergency on-site flood plans a requirement for all reservoirs regulated under the Reservoir Act 1975.

Opens: 16 June 2020

Closes: 10 August 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/reservoir-safety-making-reservoir-emergency-on-site-flood-plans>

Developing a tree strategy for England

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation seeking views across a wide range of topics on trees and forestry to help inform the development of an England tree strategy.

Opens: 19 June 2020

Closes: 11 September 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/consultation-launched-on-the-england-tree-strategy>

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

No updates

Department for Transport

No updates

HM Treasury



Preventing abuse of the R&D tax relief for SMEs: second consultation

Budget 2020 announced the R&D PAYE cap, proposed in 2018, would be delayed by a year to allow time to consult on policy changes, which better focus the measure.

Opens: 10 June 2020

Closes 28 August 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/preventing-abuse-of-the-rd-tax-relief-for-smes-second-consultation>

Current committee consultations & inquiries

Transport Committee

No new inquiries

Science and Technology Committee

No new inquiries

Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

No new inquiries

Business Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

The impact of coronavirus on businesses and workers

The Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Select Committee has opened a consultation on government policy and its impact on businesses and workers.

Opens: 9 June 2020

Closes: 31 August 2020

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/178/the-impact-of-coronavirus-on-businesses-and-workers/>

Post-Pandemic Economic Growth super-inquiry launched by BEIS Committee

The Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Select Committee has launched an inquiry into post-pandemic economic growth. It will look at the options available to Government to secure our economic recovery from the impact of Covid-19; covering investment, industrial strategy, jobs, skills, exports and sustainable growth.

Opens: 3 June 2020

Closes: 17 July 2020

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/342/postpandemic-economic-growth/>

EFRA Committee

EFRA Committee launches inquiry in to Air Quality

The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (EFRA) Select Committee has launched an inquiry into Air Quality. The Committee will scrutinise whether the Government's 2019 Clean Air Strategy and the Environment Bill will deliver the national leadership needed to urgently tackle the UK's poor air quality.

Opens: 12th June 2020

Closes: 7th August

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/362/air-quality/>

Environmental Audit Committee

Greening the post-Covid recovery

In May the Committee held a session on the environmental implications of the Covid-19 crisis. Witnesses stressed how critical it would be to align the post-crisis recovery stimulus with the



UK's goals on climate change, biodiversity and sustainable development – given the short window of opportunity remaining to keep global temperature rises to a manageable level. The Committee has since agreed to launch an inquiry looking at how to align any post-pandemic economic stimulus package with the UK's climate and environment goals.

Opens: 29 June 2020

Closes: 14 August 2020

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/306/greening-the-postcovid-recovery/>

National Infrastructure Commission

No new inquiries

Misc of interest

COVID-19 and lessons learned for improving digital skills in the future

The APPG on Digital Skills has opened a consultation on the impact of COVID-19 and lessons learned for improving digital skills in the future.

Opens: 15 June 2020

Closes: 3 July 2020

<https://connectpa.co.uk/digital-skills-appg/>

Labour launches consultation on how to create ambitious green economic recovery

The Labour Party has opened a consultation on how to help the UK make a green and just economic recovery from the Coronavirus crisis.

Opens: 5 June 2020

Closes: tbc

<https://labour.org.uk/page/green-recovery-consultation/>