

## **ADEPT: Consultation Tracker March 2024**

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 Budget:** 06 March 2024

**Easter recess:** 26 March – 15 April 2024

**May Day:** 02 – 07 May 2024

**Whitsun:** 23 May – 3 June 2024

**Summer:** 23 July - TBC

### **Department consultations**

#### **Cabinet Office**

No updates

#### **Department for Business and Trade**

No updates

#### **Department for Culture, Media and Sport**

##### **DCMS social surveys consultation**

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport has opened a consultation on social surveys.

Opens: 29 February 2024

Closes: 23 May 2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/dcms-social-surveys-consultation>

#### **Department for Energy Security and Net Zero**

##### **Future policy framework for biomethane production**

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a call for evidence on future policy framework for biomethane production.

Opens: 29 February 2024

Closes: 25 April 2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/future-policy-framework-for-biomethane-production-call-for-evidence>

#### **Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs**

##### **Land drainage draft statutory instrument**

The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs is seeking views on our plans to update how internal drainage boards allocate their costs to farmers and local authorities.

Opens: 7 March 2024

Closes: 19 April 2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/land-drainage-draft-statutory-instrument>



### Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

#### **An accelerated planning system: consultation**

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has opened a consultation on an accelerated planning service, planning performance measures, extensions of time, expedited appeals and section 73B applications.

Opens: 6 March 2024

Closes: 1 May 2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/an-accelerated-planning-system-consultation>

### Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

#### **Clean Heat Market Mechanism: adjustment to scheme introduction date**

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation on plans to adjust the date of introduction of the Clean Heat Market Mechanism scheme to 1 April 2025.

Opens: 14 March 2024

Closes: 9 May 2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/clean-heat-market-mechanism-adjustment-to-scheme-introduction-date>

### Department for Transport

#### **Review of transport infrastructure legislation: definitions for highway and railway Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects in the Planning Act 2008**

The Department for Transport has issued a call for evidence to review how road and rail Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects are defined in the Planning Act 2008.

Opens: 7 March 2024

Closes: 5 April 2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/review-of-transport-infrastructure-legislation-definitions-for-highway-and-railway-nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects-in-the-planning-act>

#### **Open call for evidence: Restricting the generation of surplus funds from traffic contraventions**

The Department for Transport has opened a public consultation on restricting the generation of surplus funds from traffic contraventions.

Opens: 17 March 2024

Closes: 11 May 2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/restricting-the-generation-of-surplus-funds-from-traffic-contraventions>

#### **Motorcycles in bus lanes**

The Department for Transport has opened a public consultation on motorcycles in bus lanes.

Opens: 17 March 2024

Closes: 9 June 2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/motorcycles-in-bus-lanes>

### HM Treasury

No updates



## Current committee consultations & inquiries

### **Business and Trade Committee**

No updates

### **Culture, Media and Sport Committee**

No updates

### **EFRA Committee**

No updates

### **Energy Security and Net Zero Committee**

No updates

### **Environmental Audit Committee**

No updates

### **Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee**

No updates

### **Public Accounts Committee**

#### **Decarbonising home heating**

The House of Commons Public Accounts Committee has opened an inquiry into decarbonising home heating.

Opened: 22 March 2024

Closes: 10 April 2024

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8362/decarbonising-home-heating/>

### **Science and Technology Committee**

No updates

### **Transport Committee**

#### **Rail reform: The rail transformation programme**

The House of Commons Public Accounts Committee has opened an inquiry into rail reform.

Opens: 22 March 2024

Closes: 12 April 2024

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8363/rail-reform-the-rail-transformation-programme/>

### **Treasury Committee**

No updates

### **Misc of interest**

No updates