

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker

August 2025

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:

Summer: 22 July – 1 September 2025

Conference: 16 September – 13 October 2025

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

Smart Secure Electricity Systems Programme (SSES): enduring governance

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation on enduring governance arrangements for the SSES Programme.

Opened: 4 August 2025

Closes: 29 September 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/smart-secure-electricity-systems-programme-sSES-enduring-governance>

CCUS future network strategy

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a call for evidence on how CO2 networks might need to evolve to meet carbon ambitions and support growth within an evolving carbon capture, usage and storage (CCUS) sector.

Opened: 6 August 2025

Closes: 31 October 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/ccus-future-network-strategy>

Evolution of economic regulation for CO2 storage

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a call for evidence on economic regulation for CO2 storage to guide policy and support growth within an evolving CCUS sector.

Opened: 6 August 2025

Closes: 31 October 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/evolution-of-economic-regulation-for-co2-storage>

Enhancing the smart meter installation journey towards Clean Power 2030

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a call for evidence on opportunities to enhance the consumer journey towards Clean Power 2030, including efficiencies and integration of smart meter and low carbon technology installations.

Opened: 8 August 2025

Closes: 3 October 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/enhancing-the-smart-meter-installation-journey-towards-clean-power-2030>

Smart metering policy framework post 2025

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation on obligations for energy suppliers to improve smart meter operations and complete the domestic smart meter rollout by the end of 2030.

Opened: 8 August 2025

Closes: 3 October 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/smart-metering-policy-framework-post-2025>

Scheme design for bill discounts for new transmission network infrastructure

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation on scheme design for a bill discount scheme to benefit people living close to new and significantly upgraded electricity transmission infrastructure.

Opened: 8 August 2025

Closes: 26 September 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/scheme-design-for-bill-discounts-for-new-transmission-network-infrastructure>

Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

Consultation on modernising environmental permitting for industry

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a public consultation on modernising environmental permitting for industry.

Opened: 26 August 2025

Closes: 21 October 2025

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/industrial-emissions-team/consultation-on-modernising-environmental-permitti/>

Department for Justice and Home Affairs

No updates

Department for Health and Social Care

No updates

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

No updates

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

No updates

Department for Transport

No updates

Department for Work and Pensions

Third State Pension age review - independent report call for evidence

The Department for Work and Pensions has opened a call for evidence on the key factors influencing future decisions on State Pension age.

Opened: 18 August 2025

Closes: 24 October 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/third-state-pension-age-review-independent-report-call-for-evidence>

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

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

No updates

Treasury Committee

No updates

Misc of interest

Heat networks regulation: authorisation conditions and guidance on measures to mitigate the risk and impact of financial failure

The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets has opened a consultation on proposals for financial provisions, continuity arrangements, and ongoing financial monitoring to mitigate the risk and impact of heat network financial failure in Great Britain.

Opened: 8 August 2025

Closes: 19 September 2025

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/consultation/heat-networks-regulation-authorisation-conditions-and-guidance-measures-mitigate-risk-and-impact-financial-failure>

Heat networks regulation: enforcement guidelines and penalty policy

The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets has opened a consultation on its proposed enforcement and penalty framework for regulating heat networks in Great Britain.

Opened: 18 August 2025

Closes: 6 October 2025

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/consultation/heat-networks-regulation-enforcement-guidelines-and-penalty-policy>

Updated guidance for the Public Transport Ticketing Schemes Block Exemption

Competition and Markets Authority has opened a consultation on updated guidance for the Public Transport Ticketing Schemes Block Exemption.

Opened: 19 August 2025

Closes: 30 September 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/updated-guidance-for-the-public-transport-ticketing-schemes-block-exemption-summary>