

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker

April 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:

- **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

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, 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>

Biodiversity Net Gain - considering a targeted exemption for residential brownfield development

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a public consultation on a proposed exemption from Biodiversity Net Gain requirements for certain brownfield residential developments.

Opened: 15 April 2026

Closes: 10 June 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/biodiversity-net-gain-considering-a-targeted-exemption-for-brownfield-residential-development>

Department for Justice and Home Affairs

No updates

Department for Health and Social Care

No updates

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

New Towns Draft Programme

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government is seeking views on the draft New Towns Programme, preferred locations and the government's proposed offer to potential new towns locations.

Closes: 19 May 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/new-towns-draft-programme>

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>

Social Housing Tenure Standard: Direction to the Regulator of Social Housing

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on proposals for a new Tenure Direction to the Regulator of Social Housing.

Opened: 2 April 2026

Closes: 28 May 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/social-housing-tenure-standard-direction-to-the-regulator-of-social-housing>

Plan approval requirements for new builds and fire safety order buildings

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on proposed amendments to building control plan submission and approval requirements for new dwellings and Fire Safety Order buildings.

Opened: 2 April 2026

Closes: 11 June 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/plan-approval-requirements-for-new-builds-and-fire-safety-order-buildings>

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

No updates

Department for Transport

No updates

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

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/>

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>

Low Pay Commission consultation 2026

Low Pay Commission has opened a consultation on recommendations for minimum wage rates for April 2027.

Opened: 1 April 2026

Closes: 26 June 2026

[Low Pay Commission](#)

Fiscal devolution in England

Economic Affairs Committee has opened an inquiry on fiscal devolution in England, including its potential forms, impacts and governance arrangements.

Closes: 5 June 2026

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/9761/fiscal-devolution-in-england/>