

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker May 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:

- **Summer – 23rd July – 3rd September**
- **Whitsun – 24th May – 25th May**

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>

Project Gigabit National Rolling Open Market Review May 2026

Building Digital UK has opened a consultation on gathering information on existing and planned gigabit-capable broadband infrastructure across the UK.

Opened: 1 May 2026

Closes: 1 June 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/project-gigabit-national-rolling-open-market-review-may-2026>

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

No updates

Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

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

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>

Modified proposals for local government reorganisation in West Sussex

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on a potential modification to proposals for local government reorganisation in West Sussex.

Opened: 12 May 2026

Closes: 15 June 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/modified-proposals-for-local-government-reorganisation-in-west-sussex>

Modified proposals for local government reorganisation in East Sussex and Brighton and Hove

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on a potential modification to proposals for local government reorganisation in East Sussex and Brighton and Hove.

Opened: 12 May 2026

Closes: 15 June 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/modified-proposals-for-local-government-reorganisation-in-east-sussex-and-brighton-and-hove>

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

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

Delivering HS2 and Euston

Public Accounts Committee has opened an inquiry on the delivery, funding, costs and timeline of HS2 and Euston.

Opened: 19 May 2026

Closes: 26 June 2026

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/9790/delivering-hs2-and-euston/>

Science and Technology Committee

No updates

Transport Committee

No updates

Treasury Committee

No updates

Misc of interest

Equality at work: flexible working and disability

Women and Equalities Committee has opened an inquiry on disabled workers' and jobseekers' access to flexible working arrangements, including reasonable adjustments and Access to Work schemes.

Closes: 26 June 2026

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/9760/equality-at-work-flexible-working-and-disability/>

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>

CAP3251: Heathrow capacity expansion – consultation on a shortlist of regulatory models

UK Civil Aviation Authority has opened a consultation on a shortlist of regulatory models for Heathrow airport capacity expansion and the future regulatory framework.

Opened: 15 May 2026

Closes: TBC

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/news/aviation-regulator-publishes-consultation-on-shortlist-of-heathrow-regulatory-models-to-support-capacity-expansion/>