

## **ADEPT: Consultation Tracker**

### **August 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.

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#### **Key dates:**

- House of Lords Summer recess: 23<sup>rd</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> September
- House of Commons summer recess: 16<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> September
- Party conferences: 3 September – 7 October 2026 (provisional dates)

#### **Department consultations**

##### **Cabinet Office**

No updates

##### **Department for Business and Trade (Business, Economy & Financial Services)**

No updates

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

###### **Reforming Consumer Protection for Home Upgrade Schemes**

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation on reforming the consumer protection system for home upgrades to support delivery of the Warm Homes Plan. Opened: 17 June 2026

Closes: 10 September 2026

[https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/reforming-consumer-protection-for-home-upgrade-schemes?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/reforming-consumer-protection-for-home-upgrade-schemes?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

##### **Department for Education**

###### **SEND reform: education otherwise than at school**

Department for Education has opened a consultation on proposals to improve support, quality and oversight for children and young people who are educated outside of school. Opened: 10 July 2026

Closes: 18 September 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/send-reform-education-otherwise-than-at-school>

###### **Upfront funding for mainstream schools: creating a 'local SEND inclusion formula'**

The Department for Education has opened a public consultation on proposals for temporary arrangements to increase funding for mainstream schools to support pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Opened: 10 July 2026

Closes: 18 September 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/upfront-funding-for-mainstream-schools-creating-a-local-send-inclusion-formula>

###### **GCSE natural history proposed subject content**

Department for Education has opened a consultation on the proposed subject content for a new GCSE in natural history in England.

Opened: 12 June 2026

Closes: 4 September 2026

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/gcse-and-a-level-policy-team/gcse-natural-history-proposed-subject-content/>

## **Department for Energy, Utilities, and Net Zero**

### **Updating the Offshore Transmission Cost Assessment Guidance**

The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets has opened a public consultation on updating the Offshore Transmission Cost Assessment Guidance for assessing the economic and efficient costs of offshore transmission assets.

Opened: 13 July 2026

Closes: 7 September 2026

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/consultation/updating-offshore-transmission-cost-assessment-guidance>

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

### **Consultation on powers for local authorities to issue conditional cautions to fly-tipping offenders**

Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on giving local authorities powers to issue conditional cautions to fly-tipping offenders and how these cautions should be enforced.

Opened: 20 August 2026

Closes: 16 October 2026

[https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-powers-for-local-authorities-to-issue-conditional-cautions-to-fly-tipping-offenders?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-powers-for-local-authorities-to-issue-conditional-cautions-to-fly-tipping-offenders?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

## **Ministry of Justice & Home Office**

No updates

## **Department for Health and Social Care**

No updates

## **Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government**

### **Improving proportionality and building safety outcomes in building control: emergency repairs under the higher-risk building regime**

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on proposed changes to the emergency repairs route under the higher-risk buildings regime.

Opened: 9 July 2026

Closes: 3 September 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/improving-proportionality-and-building-safety-outcomes-in-building-control-emergency-repairs-under-the-higher-risk-building-regime>

### **Best Value Duty: consultation on revised statutory guidance**

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on revised statutory guidance for local and strategic authorities in England to comply with the Best Value Duty.

Opened: 15 July 2026

Closes: 7 October 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/best-value-duty-consultation-on-revised-statutory-guidance>

## **Planning powers for mayors in England**

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on implementing planning powers for mayors of strategic authorities under the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.

Opened: 24 August 2026

Closes: 5 October 2026

[https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-powers-for-mayors-in-england?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-powers-for-mayors-in-england?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

## **Department for Science, Innovation and Technology**

### **The marginal cost restriction on public sector data re-use: call for evidence**

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology has opened a call for evidence on whether public bodies should have greater flexibility to charge above marginal costs for the re-use of public sector data.

Opened: 15 July 2026

Closes: 8 September 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/the-marginal-cost-restriction-on-public-sector-data-re-use-call-for-evidence>

### **Data flows you can trust**

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology has opened a call for evidence on whether the UK's data regime is enabling trusted data flows, seeking practical, experience-based insight.

Opened: 15 July 2026

Closes: 9 September 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/data-flows-you-can-trust>

## **Department for Transport**

### **Automated vehicles: statement of safety principles**

Department for Transport has opened a consultation on the draft statement of safety principles for automated vehicles.

Opened: 17 June 2026

Closes: 9 September 2026

[https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/automated-vehicles-statement-of-safety-principles?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/automated-vehicles-statement-of-safety-principles?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

### **In-use emissions of road vehicles: regulating environmental impacts**

The Department for Transport has opened a public consultation on proposals to strengthen the law around emissions from road vehicles that are in use on Great Britain roads.

Opened: 6 July 2026

Closes: 6 September 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/in-use-emissions-of-road-vehicles-regulating-environmental-impacts>

### **Bus Services Act 2025: improving information about local services**

Department for Transport has opened a consultation on proposals to request and publish bus operators' data and develop a fully digital system for providing local bus service information.

Opened: 1 July 2026

Closes: 23 September 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/bus-services-act-2025-improving-information-about-local-services>

### **Zero emission vehicle mandate review**

Department for Transport has opened a consultation on the operation and effectiveness of the zero emission vehicle mandate and potential policy changes to support the transition to zero emission vehicles.

Opened: 14 August 2026

Closes: 23 October 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/zero-emission-vehicle-mandate-review>

## **HM Treasury**

### **Tax Treatment of Predevelopment costs**

HM Treasury has opened a consultation on the tax treatment of predevelopment costs and seeks views and evidence on current rules, the types of costs incurred, and their impact on investment decisions.

Opened: 13 July 2026

Closes: 21 September 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/tax-treatment-of-predevelopment-costs--2>

### **Consultation on Reforming Land Remediation Relief**

HM Treasury has opened a consultation on potential reforms to make Land Remediation Relief more accessible, better targeted, and more closely aligned with the practical realities of brownfield development.

Opened: 13 July 2026

Closes: 21 September 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-reforming-land-remediation-relief>

### **Aligning the time limits for recovery of National Insurance contributions with Income Tax**

HM Revenue & Customs has opened a consultation on proposals to align the recovery of National Insurance contributions with Income Tax and simplify the framework.

Opened: 13 July 2026

Closes: 12 October 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/aligning-the-time-limits-for-recovery-of-national-insurance-contributions-with-income-tax>

### **Consultation on Simplifying Treaty Relief from Withholding Tax on Interest Paid Overseas**

HM Revenue & Customs has opened a consultation on proposals to simplify the process for obtaining treaty relief in relation to withholding tax obligations on interest paid overseas.

Opened: 13 July 2026

Closes: 7 September 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-simplifying-treaty-relief-from-withholding-tax-on-interest-paid-overseas>

### **Safeguarding Stability, Enabling Growth: Consultation on Ring-fencing Reform**

HM Treasury has opened a consultation on proposed changes to the ring-fencing regime to make it more flexible, proportionate and responsive while maintaining financial stability safeguards.

Opened: 14 July 2026

Closes: 8 September 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/safeguarding-stability-enabling-growth-consultation-on-ring-fencing-reform>

### **Modernising Payment Services Regulation**

HM Treasury has opened a consultation on proposals to modernise payment services regulation to support innovation while maintaining strong consumer protections.

Opened: 14 July 2026

Closes: 6 October 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/modernising-payment-services-regulation>

### **Department for Work and Pensions**

#### **The Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (General Levy) Regulations review 2026**

The Department for Work and Pensions has opened a public consultation on proposed changes to the General Levy on occupational and personal pension schemes for the period from April 2027 to March 2030.

Opened: 14 July 2026

Closes: 8 September 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-occupational-and-personal-pension-schemes-general-levy-regulations-review-2026>

### **The Value for Money Framework: Consultation**

Department for Work and Pensions has opened a consultation on proposals for the Value for Money Framework to place investment outcomes, service quality and overall value at the centre of workplace pension provision.

Opened: 13 July 2026

Closes: 1 September 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-value-for-money-framework-consultation>

### **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**

No updates

#### **Science and Technology Committee**

No updates

#### **Transport Committee**

No updates

#### **Treasury Committee**

No updates

### **Misc of interest**

#### **Hurst Spit to Lymington Draft Strategy Consultation**

Environment Agency has opened a consultation on the draft Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for the coastline between Hurst Spit and Lymington.

Opened: 19 June 2026

Closes: 25 September 2026

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/solent-and-south-downs/hurst-spit-to-lymington-strategy-consultation/>

#### **Hurst Spit to Lymington Strategy - Strategic Environmental Assessment Consultation**

Environment Agency has opened a consultation on the Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Hurst Spit to Lymington Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy.

Opened: 19 June 2026

Closes: 25 September 2026

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/solent-and-south-downs/hurst-spit-to-lymington-sea-consultation/>

**Thames regional flood and coastal committee: membership change**

Environment Agency has opened a consultation on membership changes to one regional flood and coastal committee.

Opened: 3 August 2026

Closes: 13 September 2026

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/fcrm/regional-flood-and-coastal-committees-membership-a/>

**Zero emission vehicle mandate review**

Welsh Government has opened a consultation jointly with the UK Government, Scottish Government and Department for Infrastructure (NI) on the operation and effectiveness of the zero emission vehicle mandate in supporting the transition to zero-emission vehicles.

Opened: 19 August 2026

Closes: 23 October 2026

<https://www.gov.wales/zero-emission-vehicle-mandate-review>

**National Development Framework**

Welsh Government has opened a consultation on the revision of the National Development Framework, including public participation and engagement plans and the role of the revised framework in meeting Wales's needs.

Opened: 19 August 2026

Closes: 20 November 2026

<https://www.gov.wales/national-development-framework>