

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker

September 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:

- 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

No updates

Department for Education

No updates

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

Capacity Market: new technologies 2026

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation on whether new generating technologies capable of contributing to electricity security of supply could participate in future Capacity Market auctions.

Opened: 2 September 2026

Closes: 4 October 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/capacity-market-new-technologies-2026>

Capacity Market: changes for Prequalification 2027

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation on proposed changes to the Capacity Market to strengthen delivery assurance, improve consumer-led flexibility arrangements and make administrative and operational improvements ahead of Prequalification 2027.

Opened: 2 September 2026

Closes: 27 October 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/capacity-market-changes-for-prequalification-2027>

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>

Nutrient pollution – draft Norfolk Environmental Delivery Plan consultation

Natural England and Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs have opened a consultation on a draft Environmental Delivery Plan to address nutrient pollution affecting

protected habitats in Norfolk while enabling sustainable development.

Opened: 17 September 2026

Closes: 27 October 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/nutrient-pollution-draft-norfolk-environmental-delivery-plan-consultation>

Ministry of Justice & Home Office

No updates

Department for Health and Social Care

No updates

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

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>

Land use statistics in England: methodology changes

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on a new methodology for collecting land use statistics in England using Ordnance Survey's National Geographic Database.

Opened: 16 September 2026

Closes: 28 October 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/land-use-statistics-in-england-methodology-changes>

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

No updates

Department for Transport

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

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>

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

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

No updates

Science and Technology Committee

No updates

Transport Committee

Inquiry: Fare play? Government's role in ticketing and pricing

The Transport Committee has opened an inquiry on Government interventions in public transport fares, pricing and ticketing.

Opened: 25 September 2026

Closes: 13 November 2026

<https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/153/transport-committee/>

Treasury Committee

No updates

Misc of interest

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>

Feedback on Guidance for Non Waste Anaerobic Digestion

Scottish Environment Protection Agency has opened a consultation on draft guidance for regulating non-waste anaerobic digestion, including environmental protections, operators' responsibilities and regulatory expectations.

Opened: 27 August 2026

Closes: 11 October 2026

<https://consultation.sepa.org.uk/external-engagement/engagement-on-guidance-for-non-waste-anaerobic-dig/>

Project Gigabit National Rolling Open Market Review September 2026

Building Digital UK has opened a consultation requesting information from suppliers on existing and planned gigabit-capable broadband infrastructure across the UK over the next three years.

Opened: 1 September 2026

Closes: 1 October 2026

[Building Digital UK](#)

Stationary vehicle engine idling: local authority guidance

Welsh Government has opened a consultation on draft guidance for local authorities on tackling unnecessary stationary vehicle engine idling, including communications initiatives and the use of enforcement powers.

Opened: 11 September 2026

Closes: 4 December 2026

<https://www.gov.wales/stationary-vehicle-engine-idling-local-authority-guidance>

Local bus service performance standards: consultation

Traffic Commissioners for Great Britain has opened a consultation on local bus service performance standards in England and Wales and how they should evolve to reflect changes in the industry, legislation and technology.

Opened: 17 September 2026

Closes: 11 December 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-bus-service-performance-standards-consultation>