

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker March 2022

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.

Department consultations

Cabinet office

No updates

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

No updates

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

Proposal for new telecoms security regulations and code of practice

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has opened a consultation on proposals for new regulations and a code of practice to improve the security and resilience of public telecoms networks and services.

Opens: 1 March 2022

Closes: 10 May 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposal-for-new-telecoms-security-regulations-and-code-of-practice>

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Environment Act 2021: environmental targets

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on new targets under the Environment Act 2021 to improve the natural environment.

Opens: 16 March 2022

Closes: 11 May 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/environment-act-2021-environmental-targets>

Nature recovery green paper

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on driving nature recovery in England via their protected sites and species protections.

Opens: 16 March 2022

Closes: 11 May 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/nature-recovery-green-paper>

2030 Strategic framework for international climate and nature action

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on how the UK can encourage international climate and nature action over the next decade.

Opens: 21 March 2022

Closes: 17 April 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/2030-strategic-framework-for-international-climate-and-nature-action>



Packaging waste recycling notes reform

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on proposed reforms to the packaging waste recycling note (PRN) and packaging waste export recycling note (PERN) system.

Opens: 26 March 2022

Closes: 21 May 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/packaging-waste-recycling-notes-reform>

Consultation on Designation of National Highways as a "Relevant Public Authority"

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on the proposal to designate National Highways as a relevant public authority.

Opens: 28 March 2022

Closes: 6 June 2022

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/industrial-pollution-control/consultation-on-designation-of-national-highways/>

Consultation on the review of the Local Air Quality Management Policy Guidance

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on the planned revision to the statutory Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) Policy Guidance.

Opens: 28 March 2022

Closes: 6 June 2022

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/air-quality-and-industrial-emissions/consultation-on-the-review-of-the-local-air-quality/>

Storm overflows: reducing sewage discharges

The Department for Environment, Food & rural Affairs is holding a consultation on storm overflows. It is seeking views on the government's plan to reduce sewage discharges and remove harm from storm overflows.

Opens: 31 March 2022

Closes: 12 May 2022

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/water-industry/storm-overflows-discharge-reduction-plan/>

Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

No updates

Department for Transport

Traffic regulation orders: changes to publishing requirements and special events order approvals

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation that suggests amending traffic regulation order (TRO) requirements that affect data sharing, publishing practices and approvals for certain special events orders.

Opens: 7 March 2022

Closes: 17 April 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/traffic-regulation-orders-changes-to-publishing-requirements-and-special-events-order-approvals>

Jet zero: updated evidence and analysis to inform our strategy for net zero aviation

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation on the updated evidence and analysis to inform the different pathways to achieve net zero aviation – or jet zero – by 2050.

Opens: 21 March 2022

Closes: 25 April 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/jet-zero-updated-evidence-and-analysis-to-inform-our-strategy-for-net-zero-aviation>



Ending the sale of new, non-zero emission buses, coaches and minibuses

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation on setting out proposals to end the sale of new, non-zero emission buses and seeks evidence about ending the sale of new, non-zero emission coaches and minibuses.

Opens: 26 March 2022

Closes: 21 May 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/ending-the-sale-of-new-non-zero-emission-buses-coaches-and-minibuses>

Taxi and private hire vehicle best practice guidance

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation Seeking views on the update to best practice guidance to be issued to taxi and private hire vehicle licensing authorities in England.

Opens: 28 March 2022

Closes: 20 June 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/taxi-and-private-hire-vehicle-best-practice-guidance>

HM Treasury

No updates

Current committee consultations & inquiries

Business Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

No updates

Culture, Media and Sport Committee

No updates

EFRA Committee

DEFRA Common frameworks

The House of Commons Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee has launched an inquiry on the DEFRA Common frameworks.

Opens: 9 March 2022

Closes: 8 April 2022

<https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/2580/>

Environmental Audit Committee

No updates

Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

No updates

Public Accounts Committee

High Speed 2: 2022 Spring Update

The Public Accounts Select Committee has launched a new inquiry: High Speed 2: 2022 Spring Update

Opens: 22 March 2022

Closes: 9 May 2022

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/6629/high-speed-2-2022-spring-update/>



Science and Technology Committee

No updates

Transport Committee

National bus strategy: one year on

The Transport Select Committee has launched an inquiry into scrutinising the implementation of the Government's national bus strategy.

Opens: 4 March 2022

Closes: 1 April 2022

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/6556/national-bus-strategy-one-year-on/>

Treasury Committee

No updates

National Infrastructure Commission

No updates

Misc of interest

Statutory Main Rivers proposal for factual change: various areas across England

The Environment Agency has opened a consultation on changing the existing statutory main river map across various areas across England.

Opens: 28 February 2022

Closes: 30 March 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/statutory-main-rivers-proposal-for-factual-change-various-areas-across-england>

Consultation: Enabling spectrum sharing in the upper 6 GHz band

The Office of Communications has opened a consultation on enabling spectrum sharing in the upper 6 GHz band.

Opens: 28 February 2022

Closes: 11 April 2022

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/consultations-and-statements/category-2/spectrum-sharing-upper-6-ghz-band>

Senior Traffic Commissioner's Statutory Documents: 2022 revisions

The Traffic Commissioners for Great Britain has opened a consultation on amendments arising from The Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) (Amendment) Regulations 2022.

Opens: 3 March 2022

Closes: 31 March 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/senior-traffic-commissioners-statutory-documents-2022-revisions>

Indoor air quality at home

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence a consultation on a proposed indoor air quality standard.

Opens: 14 March 2022

Closes: 11 April 2022

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-gs10113/consultation/html-content-3>



Consultation: Restricted services – proposals to increase available spectrum and simplify our approach to licensing

The Office of Communications has opened a consultation on proposals to increase available spectrum and simplify their approach to licensing.

Opens: 14 March 2022

Closes: 9 May 2022

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/consultations-and-statements/category-2/restricted-services-proposals-to-increase-available-spectrum-and-simplify-licensing>

Investment recovery charge for phase one of HS2

The Office of Rail and Road has opened a consultation on a proposal to permit the inclusion of an investment recovery charge in any future charging framework for HS2 phase one.

Opens: 18 March 2022

Closes: 13 May 2022

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/investment-recovery-charge-for-phase-one-of-hs2>

Call for Evidence: Use of recycled plastic, originating from ocean-bound/cycle schemes and similar environmental collection, in food contact material products

The Food Standards Agency has opened a consultation in relation to how business operators propose to, or currently, carry out their own risk assessment to determine the safe use of recycled plastic that has been sourced from the open environment (ocean, 'ocean-bound' or land), in food contact material products.

Opens: 21 March 2022

Closes: 20 September 2022

<https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/consultations/call-for-evidence-use-of-recycled-plastic-originating-from-ocean-boundcycle-schemes-and-similar-environmental-collection-in-food-0>