

# ADEPT: Consultation Tracker

November 2020

This document is tailored to provide a monthly overview of key consultations and committee inquiries (2016 onwards) relevant to the Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport.

## Department consultations

### Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

#### **Improving the energy performance of privately rented homes**

We're seeking views on proposals around raising energy performance standards for the domestic private rented sector in England and Wales.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 30 December 2020**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/improving-the-energy-performance-of-privately-rented-homes>

#### **Exemptions from the requirement for an electricity licence: call for evidence**

We want to understand more fully how the exemptions regime currently operates, and whether changes to the regime are needed to reflect government aims and objectives.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 1 March 2021**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/exemptions-from-the-requirement-for-an-electricity-licence-call-for-evidence>

#### **Contracts for Difference (CfD): changes to Supply Chain Plans and the CfD contract**

We're seeking views on proposals for changes to Supply Chain Plans and the CfD contract, to enable continued support for new low-carbon generation and to encourage the growth of sustainable supply chains.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 18 January 2021**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/contracts-for-difference-cfd-changes-to-supply-chain-plans-and-the-cfd-contract>

#### **Smart meter policy framework post 2020: minimum annual targets and reporting thresholds for energy suppliers**

We're seeking views on annual tolerance levels associated with smart meter installation targets for energy suppliers in Great Britain and the level of reporting thresholds for large energy suppliers.

This consultation closes at **5pm on 11 January 2021**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/smart-meter-policy-framework-post-2020-minimum-annual-targets-and-reporting-thresholds-for-energy-suppliers>

#### **Draft Ecodesign and Energy Labelling Regulations (Lighting Products) 2021**

We're seeking views on proposed updates the existing ecodesign and energy labelling requirements which currently apply to light sources and separate control gears ('lighting products') in the UK.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 27 January 2021**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-ecodesign-and-energy-labelling-regulations-lighting-sources-2021>

#### **Improving home energy performance through lenders**



We are seeking views on how mortgage lenders can help householders to improve the energy performance of their homes.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 12 February 2021**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/improving-home-energy-performance-through-lenders>

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

##### **Reducing ammonia emissions from urea fertilisers**

Seeking views on our plans to reduce ammonia emissions from urea fertilisers in England. This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 26 January 2021**

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/air-quality-and-industrial-emissions/reducing-ammonia-emissions-from-urea-fertilisers/>

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

##### **Consultation on proposed amendments to the Architects Act 1997**

We are seeking views on proposals to strengthen the regulation system for UK registered architects and improve competence of the profession.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 22 January 2021**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-proposed-amendments-to-the-architects-act-1997>

##### **Toilet provision for men and women: call for evidence**

Technical review on increasing accessibility and provision of toilets for men and women.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 29 January 2021**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/toilet-provision-for-men-and-women-call-for-evidence>

##### **Domestic smoke and carbon monoxide alarms**

We are seeking views on proposals to extend the Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (England) Regulations 2015.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 11 January 2021**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/domestic-smoke-and-carbon-monoxide-alarms>

##### **New model for Shared Ownership: technical consultation**

We are seeking views on the implementation of the new model for shared ownership.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 17 December 2020**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/new-model-for-shared-ownership-technical-consultation>

#### **Department for Transport**

##### **High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Bill: draft class approval**

Seeks views on the contents of the High Speed Rail (West Midlands – Crewe) Bill draft class approval.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 8 December 2020**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/high-speed-rail-west-midlands-crewe-bill-draft-class-approval-content>

##### **Heavier intermodal freight trial**

Seeks views on a possible trial of higher maximum weight limits for heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) carrying intermodal freight.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 4 January 2021**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/heavier-intermodal-freight-trial>



### **Ending the longer semi-trailer trial**

Asks if we should stop the longer semi-trailer trial ahead of schedule.

This consultation closes at **11:59pm on 1 February 2021**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/ending-the-longer-semi-trailer-trial>

### **Managing pavement parking**

Proposed options to tackle pavement parking at a local authority or national level.

This consultation closes at **11:59pm on 22 November 2020**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/managing-pavement-parking>

### **Future of Transport: rural strategy – call for evidence**

Invites views on and evidence from all those with an interest in rural mobility and transport innovation.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 16 February 2021**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/future-of-transport-rural-strategy-call-for-evidence>

### **Second post-implementation of the 'Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems (Safety) Regulations 2006'**

Review of the effectiveness and experience of the 'Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems (Safety) Regulations 2006' for future improvement.

This consultation closes at **11:59pm on 17 January 2021**

<https://www.orr.gov.uk/search-consultations/rogs-second-post-implementation-review>

### **Union connectivity review: call for evidence**

Invites responses to an independent review, led by Sir Peter Hendy, on how transport can support economic growth and quality of life across the UK.

This consultation closes at **4pm on 30 December 2020**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/union-connectivity-review-call-for-evidence>

### **HM Treasury**

**No updates**

## **Current committee consultations & inquiries**

### **Transport Committee**

#### **Trains fit for the future?**

Formal meeting (oral evidence session)

Wednesday 11 November 2020

Start times: 9.30am (private) 9.30am (public)

<https://committees.parliament.uk/event/2674/formal-meeting-oral-evidence-session/>

### **Science and Technology Committee**

**No new inquiries**

### **Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee**

#### **The Spending Review and Local Government Finance**

In this new inquiry, the Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee will consider what approach the Government should take to funding local government as part of the 2020 spending review. It will investigate the current financial health of local authorities and their ability to deliver services, including the additional pressures caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. In light of continued delays to the multi-year spending review, the Committee will



also examine the impact of single year settlements on the ability of councils to plan and deliver services in the long-terms.

The committee wants to hear your views. We welcome submissions from anyone with answers to the questions in the call for evidence. **You can submit evidence until Friday 27 November 2020.**

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/733/the-spending-review-and-local-government-finance/>

### **Business Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee**

#### **RIIO 2: Energy network price controls**

No information listed, except the next oral evidence session for this inquiry is currently scheduled for Thursday 12 November 2020.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/event/2692/>

#### **Businesses and Brexit preparedness**

The Committee welcomes evidence submissions on issues relating to business preparedness for Brexit. The closing date for submissions is **Monday 30th November 2020.**

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/819/businesses-and-brexit-preparedness/>

### **EFRA Committee**

**No new inquiries**

### **Environmental Audit Committee**

#### **Technological Innovations and Climate Change: Tidal Power**

The Environmental Audit Committee is conducting an overarching inquiry looking at technological innovations which could contribute to tackling climate change. Each part of the inquiry looks at a specific technology currently in use or in development and considers its potential and how Government policy can facilitate the UK making the best and most cost-effective use of that technology.

This inquiry will be an opportunity to highlight UK-based examples of innovation and excellence, and the Committee is particularly keen to hear from those at the cutting edge of each sector.

You can submit evidence until **Friday 18 December 2020.**

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/780/technological-innovations-and-climate-change-tidal-power/>

#### **Green Jobs**

The Environmental Audit Committee is launching an inquiry into Green Jobs. The inquiry will look at how green jobs can help tackle the expected rise in unemployment due to COVID-19 in a sustainable way. It will also look at the jobs, skills and training needed to achieve the UK's longer-term climate and environmental ambitions and what planning and work is taking place to meet these requirements.

You can submit evidence until **Friday 15 January 2021.**

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/816/green-jobs/>

### **Treasury Committee**

#### **Work of the Financial Ombudsman Service**

As part of its ongoing scrutiny of the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS), the Treasury Committee holds hearings with the Chief Ombudsman and CEO to discuss key issues facing the ombudsman service.

No closing date listed.



<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/755/work-of-the-financial-ombudsman-service/>

#### **Work of HM Treasury**

As part of its ongoing scrutiny of HM Treasury, the Treasury Committee holds hearings with senior officials from the Treasury to discuss key issues facing the Department.

No closing date listed.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/756/work-of-hm-treasury/>

#### **Future of Financial Services**

This inquiry will look at the future of financial services after the Brexit transition period ends.

It will examine how financial services regulations should be set and scrutinised by Parliament, as EU directives will cease to govern new rules and regulations.

It will also consider how regulators are funded and the extent to which financial services regulation should be consumer-focused.

You can submit evidence until **Friday 8 January 2021**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/834/future-of-financial-services/>

#### **Spending Review 2020**

Inquiry into the Government's Spending Review, 2020.

No date listed.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/841/spending-review-2020/>

#### **National Infrastructure Commission**

No updates.

