

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker

September 2020

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

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Review of consents for major energy infrastructure projects and Special Protection Areas

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation to seek the views of all interested parties on a draft Screening of Likely Significant Effects report which assesses the likely significant effect of these consents upon relevant Special Protection Areas.

Opens: 27 August 2020

Closes: 9 October 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-consents-for-major-energy-infrastructure-projects-and-special-protection-areas>

Proposals for a Green Gas Levy

The Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation on the Green Gas Levy which will fund support for biomethane injection into the gas grid through the new Green Gas Support Scheme.

Opens: 22 September 2020

Closes: 2 November 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/green-gas-levy>

Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

UK National Data Strategy (NDS) consultation

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has opened a consultation on the framework National Data Strategy and whether or not the strategy appropriately reflects the opportunities and challenges of our hyper-digital world and considers all relevant priorities, potential trade-offs and decisions.

Opens: 9 September 2020

Closes: 2 December 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/uk-national-data-strategy-nds-consultation>

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Potential of marine energy projects in Great Britain: call for evidence

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation seeking views on the potential of marine energy (including floating offshore wind, wave, tidal stream, tidal lagoons and barrages) in Great Britain.

Opens: 28 August 2020

Closes: 30 September 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/potential-of-marine-energy-projects-in-great-britain-call-for-evidence>

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

Parking code enforcement framework

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on the Code Enforcement Framework and this consultation seeks views on how the department



can improve the regulation of the private parking industry for the benefit of consumers, parking operators and landowners alike.

Opens: 31 August 2020

Closes: 12 October 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/parking-code-enforcement-framework>

Raising accessibility standards for new homes

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on how to raise accessibility standards, recognising the importance of suitable homes for older and disabled people.

Opens: 8 September 2020

Closes: 1 December 2020

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/raising-accessibility-standards-for-new-homes?utm_source=5e65e8e0-a7f4-4dfb-a470-caa4cba4d32e&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

Department for Transport

Pavement parking: options for change

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation on review the laws on pavement parking was featured in its Inclusive Transport Strategy and Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy safety review.

Opens: 31 August 2020

Closes: 22 November 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/managing-pavement-parking/pavement-parking-options-for-change#how-to-respond>

HM Treasury

No updates

Current committee consultations & inquiries

Business Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

No updates

EFRA Committee

No updates

Environmental Audit Committee

No updates

Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

No updates

National Infrastructure Commission

No updates

Science and Technology Committee

No updates

Transport Committee

No updates



Treasury Committee

No updates

Misc of interest

PAS 232 Privately managed parking – Operation and management – Specification

The British Standards Institution has opened a consultation on the requirements for the operation and management of parking facilities by private companies, including parking charges and the resolution of disputes between parties. This PAS also covers the management of land that is not available for public parking, on which private companies are applying parking restrictions and/or charges under contract law.

Opens: 27 August 2020

Closes: 12 October 2020

<https://standardsdevelopment.bsigroup.com/projects/2020-00193#/section>

Non-hazardous and inert waste: appropriate measures for permitted facilities

The Environment Agency has opened a consultation on their new guidance that sets out appropriate measures for permitted facilities that take non-hazardous and inert waste for treatment or transfer.

Opens: 14 September 2020

Closes: 13 November 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/non-hazardous-and-inert-waste-appropriate-measures-for-permitted-facilities>

Trial to run bus lanes at all times on red routes

Transport for London has opened a consultation on extending bus lane hours to help more people travel safely and reliably.

Opens: 13 September 2020

Closes: 13 March 2020

https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/buses/all-day-bus-lanes/consult_view/

Specialist Skills in the Civil Service

The House of Commons Public Accounts Committee has launched an inquiry into the latest picture on specialist skills and capabilities in the civil service.

Opens: 17 September 2020

Closes: 8 October 2020

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/591/specialist-skills-in-the-civil-service/>

Starter Homes

The House of Commons Public Accounts Committee has launched an inquiry into what is happening with plans to address the affordable housing crisis.

Opens: 17 September 2020

Closes: 15 October 2020

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/592/starter-homes/>

The Evolution of Devolution: English Devolution Inquiry

The Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee has launched an Inquiry into English devolution. Devolution has become an established part of the UK constitutional architecture, but while legislative and executive devolution has been established and evolved in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, there has been no equivalent devolution in England, creating asymmetry in the UK governance arrangements. Since 2014, there have been a number of initiatives to “devolve” power within England: ten combined authorities have now successfully negotiated bespoke “devolution” deals, but this has only added to



the complexity of English local government. The Government has committed to publishing an English Devolution White Paper in 2020, setting out its “plans for full devolution across England”.

Opens: 25th September

Closes: 23rd November

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/603/the-evolution-of-devolution-english-devolution/>

