

GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION HIGHLIGHTS

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A brief summary of current government consultations of potential interest to RSN members. This is not intended as an exhaustive list of all relevant consultations.

First Homes – Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government

This consultation seeks views on First Homes for local people, considering both the design of this policy and options for its implementation.

It covers the following areas:

- what First Homes are and who should be eligible for them
- how the scheme should work in practice
- how to deliver more of these homes through developer contributions
- the requirement for delivering these homes through planning or legislation

This consultation closes on 1 May 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/first-homes>

Environmental land management: policy discussion – Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

Government want to know what you think about their initial thinking for the Environmental Land Management (ELM) Scheme. They state that they are committed to co-designing the ELM scheme, to create something that allows business to thrive and provides environmental improvements.

Regional events will also be held to discuss the proposals and to get your views. Details including dates and locations will follow soon.

This consultation closes on 5 May 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/environmental-land-management-policy-discussion>

Consultation on expanding the dormant assets scheme – Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport

The government has launched a consultation in order to gather views on its proposals to expand the dormant assets scheme to include new financial assets.

The public consultation follows two industry-led reports, which made a series of recommendations on broadening the current scheme beyond bank and building society accounts to include assets from the insurance and pensions, investment and wealth management, and securities sectors.

Having considered industry's recommendations, the government is now inviting input on the detailed proposals to expand the scheme. They are particularly interested in hearing views from potential participants, consumer groups, regulators, and interested individuals.

This consultation closes on 16 July 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-expanding-the-dormant-assets-scheme>

Consulting on ending the sale of new petrol, diesel and hybrid cars and vans – Department for Transport

Government is seeking views on bringing forward the end to the sale of new petrol, diesel and hybrid cars and vans from 2040 to 2035, or earlier if a faster transition appears feasible.

They are asking for views on:

- the phase out date
- the definition of what should be phased out
- barriers to achieving the above proposals

- the impact of these ambitions on different sectors of industry and society
- what measures are required by government and others to achieve the earlier phase out date

This consultation closes on 29 May 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consulting-on-ending-the-sale-of-new-petrol-diesel-and-hybrid-cars-and-vans>

Reforming Regulation Initiative – Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

The government states: “Good regulation is essential to successful business. The government strives to achieve the right regulatory balance between supporting excellent business practice and protecting workers, consumers and the environment.

“The Reforming Regulation Initiative is an invitation to businesses and the public to help government ensure that regulation is sensible and proportionate. We’re particularly interested in the needs of small businesses.

“Please let us know how we could improve the system of UK regulation by responding to this short consultation.

“Please note that this is about improving the system rather than changing regulatory decisions about individual cases. If you want to challenge a decision about a case, you can get details of how to appeal from the relevant regulator’s website.”

This consultation closes on 11 June 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/reforming-regulation-initiative>