

GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION HIGHLIGHTS

May 2019

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.

Call for information on community-led housing projects – Homes England

Homes England is collecting information on the potential appetite to deliver community-led housing projects – including new build and conversions – over the coming years.

All community-based groups (including parish councils) in England (outside London) are invited to give summary information about their plans for new community-led housing projects and the progress made on those plans to date.

The information will be collected by Homes England and help Government understand the pipeline and likely level of interest in taking forward community-led housing over the coming years. They are keen to hear from as many prospective community-led groups as possible about their plans. Homes England state that “The data collected will only be used to understand the potential requirements for Government support across the community-led housing sector over the coming years.”

The closing date for submission of information is 31 May 2019.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/call-for-information-on-community-led-housing-projects-by-may-31st?fbclid=IwAR3znUASjmN60tystHOoo-6BhIkRFOjdVXyPhDVrxTfvYA2ADxLcBGCTM94>

Tailored Review of Historic England – Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport

Tailored reviews are central to the Government’s Public Body Reform Programme. Their purpose is to challenge and seek assurance of the continuing need, efficiency and good governance of public bodies. Every public body is required to undergo a Tailored Review once during the lifetime of a Parliament.

To help inform this review, DCMS would welcome feedback on Historic England through an online survey, which is open until the 9th of May 2019.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/tailored-review-of-historic-england>

Social Value in Government Procurement – Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport

This consultation looks at how government should take account of social value in the award of central government contracts.

The government welcomes responses to the proposals in this consultation from suppliers to government, their representatives, public bodies and those otherwise involved in public procurement.

This consultation closes on 10 June 2019.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/social-value-in-government-procurement>

Waste and recycling: making recycling collections consistent in England – Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

Government want to know what you think about their plans to make recycling collections consistent across England. Local authorities would collect the same kind of materials from households, such as plastic, glass, metal, paper and cardboard. They would also have separate food and garden waste collections. This will help to reduce confusion about what can be recycled.

Government also want views on changes to require businesses to separate their recyclable waste from residual waste for collection. They state that they are seeking views on making

waste disposal more cost effective while at the same time increasing the amount of recycling collected from businesses.

This consultation closes on 13 May 2019.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/waste-and-recycling-making-recycling-collections-consistent-in-england>

Tackling homelessness together – Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government

This is a consultation on structures that support partnership working and accountability in homelessness services. Government is seeking views on:

- the effectiveness of existing non-statutory and statutory local accountability and partnership structures in homelessness services
- whether the government should introduce Homelessness Reduction Boards and, if so, how this could be done most effectively
- how else they might improve local accountability and partnership working in homelessness services

This consultation closes on 16 May 2019.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/tackling-homelessness-together>

Williams Rail Review – Department for Transport

This call for evidence is to support the Rail Review, led by independent chair Keith Williams. The review was established to recommend the most appropriate organisational and commercial frameworks to support the delivery of the government's vision for the railway.

The review invites written contributions to inform its work on any or all of the review principles, as set out in its terms of reference:

- commercial models for the provision of rail services that prioritise the interests of passengers and taxpayers
- rail industry structures that promote clear accountability and effective joint-working for both passengers and the freight sector
- a system that is financially sustainable and able to address long-term cost pressures
- a railway that is able to offer good value fares for passengers, while keeping costs down for taxpayers
- improved industrial relations, to reduce disruption and improve reliability for passengers
- a rail sector with the agility to respond to future challenges and opportunities

The review will look at the whole rail industry, including:

- increasing integration between track and train
- how to improve transport services across UK regions and devolved nations, including exploring options for devolution of rail powers
- improving value for money for passengers and taxpayers

Your evidence will inform the review and will be considered alongside other evidence received. The review's findings and recommendations will be published in a government white paper in autumn 2019, with reform of the sector to begin in 2020. Where possible they

ask that evidence is submitted by 18 January 2019. However the evidence portal will remain open until the end of May 2019.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/williams-rail-review>