

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.

Making flexible working the default – Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

This consultation contains proposals to reform flexible working regulations (The Flexible Working Regulations 2014).

It also covers the wider work being undertaken by the government to encourage and support flexible working, and responds to relevant proposals from the July 2019 [Good Work Plan: Proposals to support families consultation](#).

This consultation closes on 1 December 2021.

[Making flexible working the default - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Local Nature Recovery Strategies: how to prepare and what to include – Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

We want to know what you think about preparing the Local Nature Recovery Strategies and what to include.

The strategies are a new system of maps and proposed actions for nature's recovery. The Environment Bill will create a legal requirement for these to be created across England.

Each strategy will:

- agree local priorities for helping nature and improving the wider environment
- map areas of current and potential importance for nature

We'll encourage public bodies, housing developers, landowners and others to use these maps and priorities so that we can work together for nature's recovery.

This consultation closes on 2 November 2021.

[Local Nature Recovery Strategies: how to prepare and what to include - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

National Infrastructure Planning Reform Programme: stakeholder survey – Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government

Government are undertaking a comprehensive end-to-end review of the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Planning (NSIP) process and all its interactions.

The government is keen to hear from all those who engage with the NSIP regime on what they see as the main issues affecting each principal stage of the process, and what potential solutions might be deployed to remedy these.

This consultation closes on 17 December 2021.

[National Infrastructure Planning Reform Programme: stakeholder survey - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Future of transport regulatory review: modernising vehicle standards – Department for Transport

Government are seeking opinions and evidence from all those with an interest in what an innovative and flexible regulatory framework looks like for emerging transport technologies. Modernising vehicle standards is one of the priority areas of the Future of Transport regulatory review.

This consultation closes on 22 November 2021.

[Future of transport regulatory review: modernising vehicle standards - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Role of vehicle-to-X energy technologies in a net zero energy system: call for evidence – Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

Vehicle-to-x (V2X) technologies allow an electric vehicle to export the energy within its battery for another use, for example to a home or to the electricity grid. This offers additional flexibility to the energy system and a potential revenue source for businesses and consumers.

Though V2X technologies have been technically feasible for over a decade, the technology remains expensive and is not yet commercially viable for all use cases.

In this call for evidence the government invites views and evidence on:

- the role of V2X technologies in the energy system
- the barriers that might be preventing this
- the role of government

This consultation closes on 12 October 2021.

[Role of vehicle-to-X energy technologies in a net zero energy system: call for evidence - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/role-of-vehicle-to-x-energy-technologies-in-a-net-zero-energy-system-call-for-evidence)