

## Consultations and Surveys (Local and National)

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Consultation	Description
<b>NO ADVERTISED DEADLINE</b>	
<p>LOCAL</p> <p>Hospital Discharge – BSW Together</p>	<p>BSW Together, the NHS integrated care system for Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire is working towards improving how patients are discharged from hospitals.</p> <p>Getting people back home from hospital, or to another setting such as a care home, safely and in a way that is planned with both the patient and their family and friend carers (if relevant) is a priority for our health and care services. They want to ensure that the voices of patients, carers and the public are at the heart of our work and influence the design and delivery of services.</p> <p>BSW Together, which includes the acute hospitals in Salisbury, Bath and Swindon, wants to hear from people and their families who have recently experienced being discharged from a hospital.</p> <p>They are looking for people to participate in an online survey, or in person or online focus group to discuss their experiences of hospital discharge and to help inform the development of resources that will help the discharge process.</p> <p>For more information and to register your interest please complete the survey.</p> <p><a href="https://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/FVN7BYZ">https://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/FVN7BYZ</a></p> <p>There is no advertised closing date.</p>
<p>LOCAL</p> <p>Call for site proposals for development (HELAA) – B&amp;NES</p>	<p>Assessing the land which may be available for future development in our area is an important part of strategic planning. We regularly update our assessment of the supply of suitable land for certain sorts of development (known as the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment, or HELAA).</p> <p>In order to involve local individuals and organisations in this process, we are making a public request to identify sites and broad locations within Bath and North East Somerset which may be suitable for the following types of development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing housing</li> <li>• Providing employment or similar economic development</li> <li>• Providing new settlements</li> </ul> <p>We will assess all proposed sites for their suitability, and this work will form part of the evidence base to inform the Local Plan.</p> <p><a href="https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/call-site-proposals-development-helaa">https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/call-site-proposals-development-helaa</a></p>

<p>LOCAL</p> <p>West of England Regional Strategy Refresh</p>	<p>The Combined Authority was set up in 2017 to make decisions and investments that benefit people living and working in Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol and South Gloucestershire.</p> <p>Their aim is to deliver economic growth for the region and address some of our challenges, such as productivity and skills, housing and transport.</p> <p>They are currently working on their new regional strategy and updated their economic evidence base. They would like input from people and organisations across the region to help them understand if there is other evidence which they should use to inform their strategy refresh.</p> <p>They would also like to hear from you if there are specific ideas you have for action that the region should take to build on our strengths and address our challenges.</p> <p><a href="https://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/about-us/our-strategy/regional-strategy/">https://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/about-us/our-strategy/regional-strategy/</a></p> <p>There is no advertised closing date.</p>
<p>LOCAL</p> <p>Call for Nature Sites – B&amp;NES</p>	<p>We are making a public request to identify landowners and leaseholders within Bath and North East Somerset with an interest in managing their land more positively for nature. This will allow us to build a picture of land available for enhancement and restoration, supporting our wider work to develop a Local Nature Recovery Strategy.</p> <p>We will assess the information you submit to us and explore opportunities to contribute to nature's recovery.</p> <p><a href="https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/call-nature-sites">https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/call-nature-sites</a></p>
<p><b>FEBRUARY 2024 DEADLINES</b></p>	
<p>NATIONAL</p> <p>Building Safety Levy: technical consultation – Department for Levelling Up, Housing &amp; Communities</p>	<p>The Building Safety Act 2022 introduced powers to impose a levy on certain new residential buildings in England, to raise revenue to be spent on building safety.</p> <p>The government carried out a consultation on the levy which closed on 7 February 2023. The results of that consultation have been published online. Feedback from that consultation was used to develop the proposals outlined in this consultation, which provides a greater level of detail on the operation of the levy. This consultation covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• methodology for levy calculation</li> <li>• the collection process</li> <li>• disputes and appeals</li> <li>• further exclusions</li> </ul> <p>This consultation closes on <b>20 February 2024</b>.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/building-safety-levy-technical-consultation">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/building-safety-levy-technical-consultation</a></p>

<p>NATIONAL</p> <p>Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 update and consultation</p>	<p>The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) held a consultation in June 2023 on visiting in care homes, hospitals and hospices and published the government response on 5 December.</p> <p>In December 2023, the government laid before Parliament the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Regulations 2023, which sets a standard for visiting in care homes, hospitals and hospices. The regulations will commence on 6 April.</p> <p>The Care Quality Commission (CQC) is now consulting on its proposed guidance for this legislation to help the health and social care sector understand what is required of them. The CQC has published draft guidance and invites councils, members of the public and providers, their representatives, and other stakeholders to give their feedback through the online form or easy read.</p> <p><a href="https://cqc.citizenlab.co/en-GB/projects/cqc-visiting-guidance-consultation">https://cqc.citizenlab.co/en-GB/projects/cqc-visiting-guidance-consultation</a></p> <p><a href="https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cqc.org.uk%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2F2024-01%2F20240105-cqc-visiting-consultation-easy-read-6mb.docx&amp;wdOrigin=BROWSELINK">https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cqc.org.uk%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2F2024-01%2F20240105-cqc-visiting-consultation-easy-read-6mb.docx&amp;wdOrigin=BROWSELINK</a></p> <p><b>The consultation closes at midday on 20 February.</b></p> <p>If you have any questions, please contact: <a href="mailto:visiting@dhsc.gov.uk">visiting@dhsc.gov.uk</a></p>
<p>NATIONAL</p> <p>Transparency of land ownership involving trusts consultation</p>	<p>On 27 December 2023, the government launched a consultation setting out plans to improve the transparency of land-holding trust information.</p> <p>The consultation seeks views on improving transparency of land ownership involving trusts. It seeks specific views on options to widen access to trust information held on the Register of Overseas Entities. It also seeks general views on how ownership of land involving trusts can be made more transparent.</p> <p>The new plans will mean residents, the media and the public will be able to find out more about who owns land and property, who can control it and receives financial benefit from it.</p> <p><b>The consultation closes on 21 February.</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/transparency-of-land-ownership-involving-trusts-consultation">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/transparency-of-land-ownership-involving-trusts-consultation</a></p>
<p>NATIONAL</p> <p>Proposals for heat network zoning 2023 – Department for Energy Security &amp; Net Zero</p>	<p>Government is seeking views on proposals for heat network zoning in England, to attract investment and give local communities access to cheaper, greener heat sooner.</p> <p>This consultation provides detail on the role of central and local government, zone identification, requirements in zones (consumer protections, emissions, requirements to connect) and zone delivery (selecting developers and ensuring construction).</p>

	<p>Under zoning, central and local government will work with industry and local stakeholders to identify and designate zones where heat networks are the lowest-cost solution to decarbonising heat.</p> <p>This consultation closes on <b>26 February 2024</b>.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposals-for-heat-network-zoning-2023">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposals-for-heat-network-zoning-2023</a></p>
<p>NATIONAL</p> <p>Child and family social workers: agency rules statutory guidance – Department for Education</p>	<p>The child and family social worker workforce government consultation response, published in October 2023, set out the national rules on local authority use of agency child and family social workers.</p> <p>This new consultation invites views on the technical detail of the agency rules that will become statutory guidance for local authorities.</p> <p>This consultation closes on <b>28 February 2024</b>.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/child-and-family-social-workers-agency-rules-statutory-guidance">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/child-and-family-social-workers-agency-rules-statutory-guidance</a></p>
<p>NATIONAL</p> <p>2003 UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage – Department for Culture, Media &amp; Sport</p>	<p>The UK is planning to ratify the UNESCO 2003 Convention for Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Government is launching a public consultation on the initial stages of implementation, focusing on the defining and identifying intangible cultural heritage in the UK.</p> <p>This consultation closes on <b>29 February 2024</b>.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/2003-unesco-convention-for-the-safeguarding-of-the-intangible-cultural-heritage">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/2003-unesco-convention-for-the-safeguarding-of-the-intangible-cultural-heritage</a></p>
<p>LOCAL</p> <p>Oldfield Park and Westmoreland Residents Parking Zone Survey</p>	<p>Following extensive public consultation, six new RPZs have already been introduced in Bath this year and generally welcomed by residents.</p> <p>Walcot, Snow Hill and Claremont Road went live on 31 July and the Oldfield Park and Westmoreland RPZ on Tuesday 29 August.</p> <p>As we introduce changes like these it is crucial that we listen to people’s concerns and respond flexibly and imaginatively. For example, after the formal consultation on Oldfield Park and Westmoreland’s zone closed, we received additional requests from the community, including the area’s Ward Councillors, for more provision for visitors.</p> <p>To accommodate these requests, we are trialling more short-stay visitor bays in the zone from its launch on 29 August. While the RPZ itself is now permanent, the trial will see an additional 60 dual-use and limited-used bays in place for a minimum of 6 months to see what people think. In the original design, these spaces were reserved for permit holders only.</p>

	<p>Dual-use bays can be used by visitors for the time indicated, but also by resident permit holders for an unrestricted period. The bays will be near facilities such as the GP surgery, shops, community and faith groups with maximum stays of up to 2 or 3 hours. You can find out more about the trial and complete a survey on the Council's website.</p> <p><a href="https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/oldfield-park-and-westmoreland-rpz-et-ro-consultation-additional-short-stay-visitor-bays">https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/oldfield-park-and-westmoreland-rpz-et-ro-consultation-additional-short-stay-visitor-bays</a></p> <p>Closes <b>29 February 2024</b></p>
<p>LOCAL</p> <p>School term and holiday dates consultation 2025 to 2026</p>	<p>Bath &amp; North East Somerset Council is consulting on planned school term dates, to give an opportunity to raise any issues or provide comments before they are confirmed. As in previous years, we have discussed our proposed dates with neighbouring authorities to try and offer similar term dates, for the convenience of parents, carers and schools.</p> <p><a href="https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/school-term-and-holiday-dates-consultation-2025-2026">https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/school-term-and-holiday-dates-consultation-2025-2026</a></p> <p>The deadline is <b>29 February 2024</b></p>
<b>MARCH 2024 DEADLINES</b>	
<p>Awaab's Law: Consultation on timescales for repairs in the social rented sector</p>	<p>On 9 January, DLUHC launched a consultation proposing new strict time limits for social housing providers to address dangerous hazards such as damp and mould.</p> <p>The consultation proposes new legal requirements for social landlords to investigate hazards within 14 days, start fixing within a further seven days, and make emergency repairs within 24 hours. Landlords who fail to take action can be taken to court where they may be ordered to pay compensation for tenants.</p> <p>Landlords will also be expected to keep clear records to improve transparency for tenants – showing every attempt is made to comply with the new timescales.</p> <p>The primary purpose of the consultation is to set those timeframes and seek views from the sector. The consultation closes on <b>5 March</b>.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/awaabs-law-consultation-on-timescales-for-repairs-in-the-social-rented-sector">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/awaabs-law-consultation-on-timescales-for-repairs-in-the-social-rented-sector</a></p>
<p>NATIONAL</p> <p>The Future Homes and Buildings Standards: 2023 consultation</p>	<p>The Department for Levelling Up; Housing and Communities has launched a consultation on changes to the Building Regulations for dwellings and non-domestic buildings.</p> <p>The government is committed to improving the energy efficiency and reducing the carbon emissions of new homes and non-domestic buildings. Energy efficiency requirements for new homes and non-domestic buildings are set by Part L (Conservation of Fuel and Power) and Part 6 of the Building Regulations 2010 ("the Building Regulations").</p>

	<p>The consultation sets out DLUHC’s plans for achieving the Future Homes Standard and Future Buildings Standard. It sets out technical proposals for changes to the Building Regulations, the associated Approved Document guidance and calculation methods.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-future-homes-and-buildings-standards-2023-consultation">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-future-homes-and-buildings-standards-2023-consultation</a></p> <p>The consultation closes on <b>6 March 2024</b></p>
<p>NATIONAL</p> <p>Approach to siting new nuclear power stations beyond 2025 – Department for Energy Security &amp; Net Zero</p>	<p>The purpose of this consultation is to begin the process towards designating a new Nuclear National Policy Statement, applicable to nuclear power stations expected to deploy beyond 2025.</p> <p>Government have proposed some material updates to the existing policy for siting nuclear power stations have been proposed and would like views on the changes ahead of finalising the policy.</p> <p>This consultation focuses on the overall policy approach before a further formal consultation on the new draft National Policy Statement.</p> <p>This consultation closes on <b>10 March 2024</b>.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/approach-to-siting-new-nuclear-power-stations-beyond-2025">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/approach-to-siting-new-nuclear-power-stations-beyond-2025</a></p>
<p>NATIONAL</p> <p>Street works: fines and lane rental surplus funds consultation</p>	<p>The Department for Transport has launched a consultation seeking views on proposals for reforms to street works legislation covering surplus lane rental funds, fixed penalty notices and weekend overruns.</p> <p>The consultation presents a series of reforms to street works regulations, which include:</p> <p>requiring at least 50% of any surplus lane rental funds to be spent on repairing potholes  raising the level of fixed penalty notices that can be issued for five street works offences  allowing overrun charges to apply at weekends and bank holidays</p> <p><b>The consultation closes on 11 March</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/street-works-fines-and-lane-rental-surplus-funds">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/street-works-fines-and-lane-rental-surplus-funds</a></p>
<p>NATIONAL</p> <p>Gender questioning children: draft schools and colleges guidance – Department for Education</p>	<p>Government is seeking views on their draft non-statutory guidance for schools and colleges about children questioning their gender.</p> <p>The proposed draft aims to provide guidance and practical support for schools and colleges, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• supporting children who are questioning their gender</li> <li>• protecting children from bullying or abuse</li> <li>• maintaining child safety and wellbeing</li> </ul> <p>This consultation closes on <b>12 March 2024</b>.</p>

	<p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/gender-questioning-children-draft-schools-and-colleges-guidance">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/gender-questioning-children-draft-schools-and-colleges-guidance</a></p>
<p>NATIONAL</p> <p>Martyn's Law: standard tier consultation – The Home Office</p>	<p>‘Martyn’s Law’ will place a requirement on those responsible for certain venues to consider the threat from terrorism and implement appropriate and proportionate mitigation measures.</p> <p>Under the proposed law, premises will be considered ‘standard tier’, meaning they have capacity of 100-799 or ‘enhanced tier’, with a capacity of 800 or more.</p> <p>The consultation is seeking views to make sure the new requirements do not place undue burdens on smaller businesses, while still protecting the public. It particularly seeks views from those responsible for smaller premises, especially those in the community and voluntary sector.</p> <p>In order to support the consultation process, the Home Office is hosting <a href="#">a webinar from 3:00 – 4:00pm on 13 February which will focus on the updates to the standard tier, specifically for small businesses.</a></p> <p>The Home Office is encouraging relevant organisations to join the webinar to discuss the Standard Tier consultation and hear an overview of what the proposals might mean for their organisation.</p> <p>The consultation can be found here:</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/martyns-law-standard-tier-consultation">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/martyns-law-standard-tier-consultation</a></p> <p>The deadline is <b>18 March 2024</b>.</p>
<p>NATIONAL</p> <p>Brownfield sites planning consultation</p>	<p>The government has announced that councils in England will need to prioritise brownfield developments.</p> <p>The bar for refusing brownfield plans will also be made higher for those not reaching their locally agreed housebuilding targets. Planning authorities in England’s 20 largest cities and towns will need to follow a ‘brownfield presumption’, if housebuilding drops below expected levels. This will make it easier to get permission to build on previously developed brownfield sites.</p> <p>A consultation on these proposals launched on 13 February and will run until <b>Tuesday 26 March</b>.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/strengthening-planning-policy-for-brownfield-development">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/strengthening-planning-policy-for-brownfield-development</a></p>
<p>NATIONAL</p> <p>Consultation on reforms to social housing allocations - Department for</p>	<p>The consultation seeks views from the public, councils, social housing tenants and providers on a range of reforms to how social housing is allocated in England, including to eligibility and qualification criteria, as well as proposals for the social housing waiting list and grounds for eviction.</p>

<p>Levelling Up, Housing and Communities</p>	<p>The deadline is <b>26 March 2024</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-reforms-to-social-housing-allocations">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-reforms-to-social-housing-allocations</a></p>
<p>NATIONAL</p> <p>Alcohol licensing: age verification consultation</p>	<p>On 24 January, the government launched a consultation seeking views on whether to allow digital identities and technology to play a role in age verification for alcohol sales. It also seeks views on whether to amend legislation to specify that for sales of alcohol that do not take place face-to-face, age verification should take place at the point of delivery, as well as sale.</p> <p>The Licensing Act 2003 ('the act') covers the retail sale and supply of alcohol. One of the licensing objectives that the act seeks to uphold is the protection of children from harm, meaning that alcohol must not be sold to someone under 18.</p> <p><b>The consultation closes on 30 March.</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/alcohol-licensing-age-verification">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/alcohol-licensing-age-verification</a></p>
<p>NATIONAL</p> <p>Permitted Development Rights - DLUHC</p>	<p>DLUHC has launched a consultation seeking views on changes to several existing permitted development rights that allow for householder development, building upwards to create new homes, the demolition of certain buildings and rebuild as homes, electric vehicle charge points and air source heat pumps.</p> <p>The consultation closes on 9 April 2024.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-various-permitted-development-rights-consultation/changes-to-various-permitted-development-rights-consultation">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-various-permitted-development-rights-consultation/changes-to-various-permitted-development-rights-consultation</a></p>
<p>B&amp;NES Council Consultations</p>	<p>Visit our website for the latest consultations:</p> <p><a href="https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/current-consultations">https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/current-consultations</a></p> <p>Do also visit our newsroom for the latest press releases as these often promote consultations:</p> <p><a href="https://newsroom.bathnes.gov.uk/news">https://newsroom.bathnes.gov.uk/news</a></p> <p>B&amp;NES Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) can be found here:</p> <p><a href="https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/streets-and-highway-maintenance/roadworks/permanent-traffic-order-notice">https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/streets-and-highway-maintenance/roadworks/permanent-traffic-order-notice</a></p>