

APPENDIX B - Current Consultations – September 2020

Purpose of Document	Portfolio	Director	Response to be agreed by	Contact	Deadline for response
<p>Public Works Loan Board: Future lending terms HM Treasury fundamental review of business rates: call for evidence</p> <p>This call for evidence seeks views on how the business rates system currently works, issues to be addressed, ideas for change and a number of alternative taxes.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hm-treasury-fundamental-review-of-business-rates-call-for-evidence</p>	Finance and Legal Services	Director – Service Delivery	Officers in consultation with Portfolio Holder	Helen Morris, Specialist – Revenues Jo Nacey, Section 151 Officer	18 September 2020
<p>Developing a tree strategy for England</p> <p>We are seeking views across a wide range of topics on trees and forestry to help inform the development of an England tree strategy.</p> <p>This consultation will inform a new England Tree Strategy which we will publish later this year. The strategy will set out policy priorities to deliver our ambitious tree planting programme. It will focus on expanding, protecting and improving our woodlands, and how trees and woodlands can connect people to nature, support the economy, combat climate change and recover biodiversity. This will ensure that trees are established and managed for the many benefits they provide for people, the economy, the climate and nature itself.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/developing-a-tree-strategy-for-england</p>	Environment	Director – Service Delivery	Individual responses by Portfolio Holder and relevant Officers. Parish Environment Champions have also been encouraged to respond.	Katy Munday, Leisure & Recreation Manager	11 September 2020

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<p>Planning for the future</p> <p>The Planning for the future consultation proposes reforms of the planning system to streamline and modernise the planning process, bring a new focus to design and sustainability, improve the system of developer contributions to infrastructure, and ensure more land is available for development where it is needed.</p>	Protecting Core Services	Director - Service Delivery	Officers in consultation with Portfolio Holder	Barry James, Lead Specialist – Development Management	29 October 2020