LOGISTICS UK

Legislation update

An overview of the key consultations, legislative developments and government announcements published in October 2026.

Consultations that opened in October 2026

DfI - Public Engagement on the Eastern Transport Plan (ETP) 2035 (Belfast City Centre; and Belfast Metropolitan Area)
The Department has prepared the draft Eastern Transport Plan (ETP) 2035 and is launching a 12-week public consultation to gather the views of stakeholders and the wider public.
Opened 27/10/2026, closes 25/01/2027.

DBIST - Make Work Pay: employment status reform and protections for the self-employed
DBIST are seeking views on proposals to reform employment status, improve compliance with employment rights and strengthen protections for the self-employed.
Opened 14/10/2026, closes 08/01/2027.

Consultations that closed in October 2026

DfT - Zero emission vehicle mandate review
Sought views on the zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) mandate and its effectiveness in the UK.
Opened 14/08/2026, closed 23/10/2026.

Logistics UK responded to this, stating: *Logistics UK believes the current ZEV Mandate trajectory does not reflect the market conditions and operational realities facing the logistics sector. Most members support Option 3, highlighting the significant costs and infrastructure challenges involved in transitioning to zero-emission vehicles. The organisation advocates amendments to the mandate, including greater flexibility, revised annual targets, and recognition that commercial vehicles will decarbonise at a different pace to cars. Without sufficient charging and energy infrastructure, ambitious targets could increase costs for businesses and consumers while reducing operational efficiency. Logistics UK also stresses that logistics operators must be prioritised for electricity access and grid upgrades to enable successful sector-wide decarbonisation.*

UK Parliament - Climate adaptation
In its latest advice to the government, the CCC said that climate change is already disrupting life in the UK and said that the UK's national approach to climate adaption is "not fit for purpose". It has also argued that the government's third National Adaptation Plan (NAP3) is not adequately preparing the UK for climate change.
Opened 08/09/2026, closed 21/10/2026.

Logistics UK responded to this, stating: *Government should prioritise climate resilience across the UK's freight infrastructure, recognising logistics as essential to economic activity and public services. Increased investment is needed to protect transport networks and logistics facilities from flooding, heat, storms and other climate-related risks. A coordinated, whole-system approach is required to address interdependencies between transport, energy, water and digital infrastructure. Climate adaptation should be integrated with decarbonisation plans, ensuring zero-emission freight infrastructure is resilient to future conditions. Government should also support businesses through planning guidance, funding and flexible regulations. Finally, stronger collaboration, improved climate risk data, measurable resilience targets and long-term investment planning are needed to reduce supply chain disruption.*

Skills England - Request for Feedback - Skills for Work
This survey sought views to help strengthen occupational standards and ensure the skills system remains aligned to government priorities.
Opened 17/09/2026, closed 16/10/2026.

Logistics UK responded to this, stating: *Occupational standards remain important for maintaining workforce competence but must adapt faster to reflect technological change, including digitalisation, automation, artificial intelligence and decarbonisation. Logistics employers are seeking clearer career progression routes, stronger links between related occupations and better recognition of transferable skills. While apprenticeships remain the most effective pathway for developing skills, modular training and apprenticeship units could play a greater role in upskilling and reskilling workers. Skills policy should support both new entrants and existing*

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employees, recognising that much of the future workforce is already employed. Reform priorities should focus on employer needs, future workforce demands and more flexible learning pathways.

UK Parliament - Getting to work: transport connecting young people to jobs and training
The Transport Committee examined how transport issues can act as a barrier to young people finding, taking up and remaining in employment or training.
Opened 17/08/2026, closed 16/10/2026.

Logistics UK responded to this, stating: *Transport accessibility is a major barrier to employment in the logistics sector, particularly for young people and those without access to a car or reliable public transport. Many logistics sites, including warehouses, ports and freight hubs, are located away from urban centres and operate around the clock, often outside standard public transport hours. High costs associated with learning to drive, vehicle ownership and lengthy driving test waiting times further restrict access to jobs and career progression, especially into HGV driving. Transport policy should better connect people to employment locations, support shift workers, encourage employer-led transport solutions and measure success by improved access to jobs and training.*

Mayor of London - Draft London Plan
Sought views on the draft plan that will shape how London develops over the next 20–25 years.
Opened 16/07/2026, closed 15/10/2026.

Logistics UK responded to this, stating: *Logistics UK supports stronger mayoral planning powers where they improve strategic planning, infrastructure delivery and regional coordination without increasing complexity or delays. It wants freight and logistics developments to be recognised as projects of strategic importance, allowing mayors to intervene in applications for essential infrastructure such as HGV parking, driver welfare facilities, warehouses and distribution hubs. The organisation also supports Mayoral Development Orders to accelerate investment and provide greater certainty for key logistics and zero-emission freight projects. Additionally, Logistics UK backs a Mayoral Community Infrastructure Levy, provided funding is directed towards freight networks, port and airport connectivity, decarbonisation initiatives and supply chain efficiency improvements.*

Office for Product Safety and Standards - Fireworks and pyrotechnics in the UK
Sought views on the regulation of pyrotechnics and fireworks in the UK.
Opened 16/07/2026, closed 07/10/2026.

Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government - Planning powers for mayors in England
Sought views on the implementation of planning powers for mayors of strategic authorities in the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.
Opened 24/08/2026, closed 05/10/2026.

Cabinet Office - Civil Contingencies Act 2004: Call for Views
This Call for Views sought to gather evidence from the resilience community as part of the 2027 Post-Implementation Review of the Civil Contingencies Act 2007.
Opened 13/07/2026, closed 05/10/2026.

EA - Enforcement and sanctions policy updates on new water and waste enforcement powers
We wanted your views on proposed updates to the Environment Agency's enforcement and sanctions policy.
Opened 10/08/2026, closed 04/10/2026.

APPG - Health and welfare in freight and logistics: A call for evidence
The call for evidence was launched by APPG Chair Rachel Taylor MP at the Driving Better Health event on 4 September 2026, bringing together representatives from across the freight and logistics sector to discuss the health challenges facing drivers and the action needed to address them.
Opened 21/09/2026, closed 09/10/2026.

Logistics UK responded to this, stating: *Driver health and wellbeing are major challenges for the logistics sector, affecting safety, recruitment, retention and productivity. HGV drivers experience higher rates of obesity, diabetes, stress and mental ill-health than the general population, with long hours, irregular schedules, isolation and poor roadside facilities contributing to these issues. Barriers to healthcare access and concerns about fitness-to-drive assessments can discourage early intervention. Better access to secure parking, welfare facilities, healthy food, rest and healthcare is needed. Government, regulators, employers and industry must work together to improve driver welfare, tackle freight crime, remove planning barriers and recognise logistics as critical national infrastructure.*

Announcements, October 2026

30/10/2026 - HMRC - Excise duty hydrocarbon oils rates and allowances
Details of fuel duty payable on light oils, heavy oils, biofuels and road fuel gases.

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30/10/2026 - DVLA - Vehicle approval test costs
Fees and test lengths for car, motorcycle, lorry, trailer, bus and coach approval tests.

29/10/2026 - HMRC - Vehicle Excise Duty (VED) exemption for search and rescue vehicles
This measure gives search and rescue charities an exemption from Vehicle Excise Duty (VED) on eligible vehicles.

29/10/2026 - HMRC - Electric Vehicle Excise Duty (eVED)
This measure implements the introduction of Electric Vehicle Excise Duty (eVED).

29/10/2026 - HMRC - Income Tax: company car tax rates for 2030 to 2032
This tax information and impact note is about changes to the appropriate percentage used to calculate company car tax for tax years 2030 to 2031 and 2031 to 2032.

29/10/2026 - HMRC - Climate Change Levy rates from 1 April 2028
This tax information and impact note is about the Climate Change Levy rates from 1 April 2028.

29/10/2026 - HMRC - VAT and Climate Change Levy on electric vehicle charging deemed not to be for domestic use public EV charging
This tax information and impact note explains the VAT and Climate Change Levy treatment of electricity supplied through publicly accessible and workplace electric vehicle charging points.

29/10/2026 - HMRC - Changes to reporting of benefits in kind from April 2027
This measure is about the changes to the reporting of certain benefits in kind from April 2027.

29/10/2026 - DVLA - DVLA's improved digital medical services
DVLA have improved their online service, making it easier for more drivers to manage their medical licensing journey online.

28/10/2026 - HMRC - Draft legislation: goods vehicles transitional provision for end of temporary rates
This clause makes transitional provision for goods vehicles that have benefited from the temporary Vehicle Excise Duty (VED) rates introduced by section 3 of the Taxation (Energy and Vehicles) Act 2026.

28/10/2026 - GOV - Budget 2026 document
This is the full Budget 2026 document in print, web and HTML accessible versions.

27/10/2026 - DfT - Updating the minimum emission standard for new road vehicles
Consultation outcome published.

23/10/2026 - DBT - Notices to exporters
Addition of NTE 2026/24: proposed amendments to UK strategic export controls.

22/10/2026 - HMRC - Sign in to the outgoing Trader Support Service (TSS)
Information has been updated to confirm that from 20 October 2026 all new movements must be made using the new Trader Support Service. Existing movements that began before 20 October 2026 can continue to be managed through the outgoing Trader Support Service.

20/10/2026 - DVSA - From 1 November 2026 only applications for ADR using the July 2026 form will be accepted
From 1 November 2026 only the updated form for ADR applications will be accepted.

19/10/2026 - DVLA - DVLA strategic ambition 2026 to 2030
The DVLA strategic ambition sets out the agency's direction for the next 4 years.

14/10/2026 - HMRC - Sign up for the Trader Support Service (TSS)
Information about the launch of the new Trader Support Service has been added. Updates have been added to tell you what you need to do if you've already signed up for the outgoing Trader Support Service and what you need to do if you're registering for the Trader Support Service for the first time.

14/10/2026 - DfT - Road conditions in England to March 2026
Road condition statistics on local authority roads and National Highways managed roads in England.

01/10/2026 - DBT - Whistleblowing guidance for workers
Get an overview of whistleblowing policies and procedures as a worker, to understand how to blow the whistle and the protections in place for whistleblowers.

01/10/2026 - HMRC - Receive goods into and remove goods from an excise warehouse (Excise Notice 197)
Guidance has been updated to explain what you need to do as a result of the introduction of Vaping Products Duty.

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