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Business against clock change

Campaigners wishing to stop the clocks from turning back each autumn to save an extra hour of daylight do not have the support of most business owners, according to a poll.

The House of Commons energy select committee this week examined the impact on the environment of extending British Summer Time into the winter months.

A private members' bill, due for debate in December, proposes aligning British clocks

with central Europe by putting clocks forward two hours next March, and is reportedly winning support from influential MPs.

However, only 39 per cent of 844 small business owners polled by FreeIndex, a business information website, agreed with the move. Of those that did back the move, only 9 per cent felt the current system made staff less productive while 23 per cent were concerned about traffic safety issues caused by sleep deprivation.