

# Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill

---

## AMENDMENTS

### TO BE MOVED

#### IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

---

#### After Clause 123

LORD RANDALL OF UXBRIDGE  
BARONESS JONES OF WHITCHURCH  
BARONESS WILLIS OF SUMMERTOWN

After Clause 123, insert the following new Clause –

#### **“Wildbelt**

- (1) Local planning authorities must maintain a register of wildbelt land in their local areas (see section 106(3)(c) of the Environment Act 2021).
- (2) Wildbelt land must be recognised in local plans based on areas identified in the local nature recovery strategy.
- (3) Local planning authorities must act in accordance with local nature recovery strategy wildbelt designations in the exercise of relevant functions, including land use planning and planning decisions.
- (4) Wildbelt land may not be subject to land use change that hinders the recovery of nature in these areas.”

#### ***Member's explanatory statement***

*This new clause would secure a land designation in England that provides protection for sites being managed for nature's recovery, identified through the Local Nature Recovery Strategies created by the Environment Act. Sites designated as wildbelt in Local Plans would be subject to only moderate controls, precluding development but allowing farming and other land uses which do not hinder the recovery of nature.*

BARONESS MCINTOSH OF PICKERING  
BARONESS HENIG

After Clause 123, insert the following new Clause –

#### **“General duty of local authorities**

In exercising or performing any –

- (a) licensing functions within the meaning of section 4(1) of the Licensing Act 2003;
- (b) planning functions within the meaning of Schedule 1 to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990;

concerning development (within the meaning of section 55 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990) which is or is likely to be affected by an existing business or facility, a relevant local authority must have special regard to the desirability of preventing unreasonable restrictions for that business or facility resulting from the implementation of the development.”

#### Clause 149

LORD RANDALL OF UXBRIDGE  
BARONESS JONES OF WHITCHURCH  
BARONESS WILLIS OF SUMMERTOWN

Clause 149, page 178, line 6, at beginning insert –

- “(2) Where any requirements made by EOR regulations and environmental outcomes (specified or otherwise) deriving from those requirements are the same as those for existing environmental assessment legislation or the Habitats Regulations,”

#### *Member's explanatory statement*

*This amendment will align requirements from EOR regulations with requirements from Habitats Regulations and other existing environmental assessment legislation, preventing environmental regression while allowing for any duplications to be resolved.*

#### After Clause 151

LORD RANDALL OF UXBRIDGE  
BARONESS JONES OF WHITCHURCH  
BARONESS WILLIS OF SUMMERTOWN

After Clause 151, insert the following new Clause –

#### **“Purposes and plans of protected landscapes**

- (1) National Parks, the Broads and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty must be managed in order to contribute to –
  - (a) restoring, conserving and enhancing biodiversity and the natural environment;
  - (b) meeting environmental targets under Part 1 of the Environment Act 2021 and the Climate Change Act 2008;
  - (c) the implementation of any relevant local nature recovery strategies under section 104 of the Environment Act 2021;
  - (d) the delivery of an environmental improvement plan prepared under section 8 of the Environment Act 2021; and
  - (e) equitable opportunities for all parts of society to improve their connection to nature of those areas and the enjoyment of their special qualities.

- (2) The purposes included in subsection (1) must be prioritised in addition to the purposes listed in section 5 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, section 2 of the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act 1988 and section 87 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
- (3) Relevant management plans must include targets and actions intended to further the purposes specified in subsection (2).
- (4) Relevant management plans include plans under section 89 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, section 66 of the Environment Act 1995 and section 3 of the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act 1988.
- (5) In exercising or performing any functions in relation to, or so as to affect, land in a National Park, the Broads or an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, any relevant authority must further the purposes specified in subsection (2) and the targets and actions in the relevant management plan.
- (6) The Secretary of State must maintain a publicly available list of relevant authorities who are to comply with subsection (5), publish a statement setting out instructions for relevant authorities, and review this list and statement at least every five years.
- (7) A management plan may not be made operational until it is reviewed by Natural England and approved by the Secretary of State.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This new clause supplements the statutory purposes of protected landscapes by giving them additional purposes. Key parts of existing legislation, such as the Sandford Principle, would still apply. The amendment also places stronger duties on relevant authorities and updates requirements for protected landscape management plans, to ensure that all relevant authorities take more action to recover nature and tackle climate change within those landscapes. This implements key recommendations from the Glover Review of Protected Landscapes.*

# Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill

---

---

AMENDMENTS  
TO BE MOVED  
IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

---

*20 January 2023*

---

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS