

Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill

AMENDMENTS

TO BE MOVED

IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

Clause 1

BARONESS MCINTOSH OF PICKERING

Clause 1, page 1, line 14, at end insert –

“(2A) The levelling up missions must include a mission to reduce the disparities between rural and urban areas in the provision of public services.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure a parity in the provision of services between urban and rural areas with a specific reference in the Levelling-up missions.

After Clause 1

BARONESS WILLIS OF SUMMERTOWN
BARONESS PARMINTER
BARONESS JONES OF WHITCHURCH

After Clause 1, insert the following new Clause –

“Access to a healthy environment mission

- (1) When preparing a statement of levelling-up missions under section 1, a Minister of the Crown must include a mission on access to a healthy environment.
- (2) The access to a healthy environment mission must include the objective of maximising the number of people who live within 15 minutes' walk of a high quality natural green or blue space.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new Clause would require the Government to include a mission on access to a healthy environment within the levelling up programme, aiming to increase the number of people able to enjoy the benefits of nearby natural space. This was a target agreed by the UK and others at the UN Biodiversity Conference in December 2022.

After Clause 93

LORD YOUNG OF COOKHAM
LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH

After Clause 93, insert the following new Clause –

“Duty to reduce health inequalities and improve well-being

- (1) For the purposes of this section “the general health and well-being objective” is the reduction of health inequalities and the improvement of well-being through the exercise of planning functions in relation to England.
- (2) A local planning authority must ensure that the development plan for their area includes policies designed to secure that the development and use of land contribute to the general health and well-being objective.
- (3) In considering whether to grant planning permission or permission in principle and related approvals, a local planning authority or, as the case may be, the Secretary of State must ensure the decision is consistent with achieving the general health and well-being objective.
- (4) In complying with this section, a local planning authority or, as the case may be, the Secretary of State must have special regard to the desirability of –
 - (a) delivering mixed-use walkable neighbourhoods which accord with the 20 minute neighbourhood principle;
 - (b) creating opportunities to enable everyday physical activity, through improving existing and creating new cycling, walking and wheeling routes and networks and natural spaces; and
 - (c) increasing access to high quality natural green and blue spaces.
- (5) For the purposes of subsection (4)(a), neighbourhoods which accord with the 20 minute neighbourhood principle are places where people can meet most of their daily needs including food shops, schools, health services and natural space within a 20 minute return walk of their home and include affordable housing.
- (6) “Wheeling” means the use of a vehicle that may lawfully be used on a footway within the meaning of the Highways Act 1980.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would create a requirement for local planning authorities to include policies in their development plans which contribute to a new general health and well-being objective. It also requires LPAs and the Secretary of State to ensure consistency with this objective when deciding whether to grant planning permission or permission in principle and related approvals, such as reserved matters.

Clause 153

BARONESS WILLIS OF SUMMERTOWN
BARONESS PARMINTER
BARONESS JONES OF WHITCHURCH

Clause 153, page 182, line 9, at end insert –

- “(c) In upgrading each nitrogen significant plant and each phosphorus significant plant –
- (i) publish a compliance and investment plan for each plant before upgrades are commenced, setting out how upgrades will be delivered,
 - (ii) within each compliance and investment plan set out how upgrades will, wherever feasible and possible, use catchment-based approaches and nature-based solutions to secure a reduction in nutrient discharges equivalent to those required to meet that limit, and
 - (iii) report annually to the Water Services Regulation Authority, the Environment Agency and the local planning authority on progress against the agreed compliance and investment plan.”
- “(1A) The Water Services Regulation Authority and the Environment Agency must advise the local planning authority if compliance and investment plan monitoring suggests that the pollution standard will not be met; and a local planning authority may disapply its obligations under Schedule 12 to this Act on receipt of such advice.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment will require sewage undertakers to clearly set out plans for and provide annual reports on progress towards upgrading plants in sensitive catchment areas, including plans to prioritise use of catchment-based approaches and nature-based solutions to reduce nutrient pollution, thereby unlocking wider environmental benefits.

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