

Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill

AMENDMENTS
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IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

After Clause 86

LORD CRISP
LORD YOUNG OF COOKHAM
LORD BLUNKETT

After Clause 86, insert the following new Clause –

“Duty to promote healthy homes and neighbourhoods

The Secretary of State must ensure that national planning policy and guidance are designed to secure positive improvements in the physical and mental health and well-being of the people of England.”

After Clause 155

LORD CRISP
LORD YOUNG OF COOKHAM
LORD BLUNKETT

After Clause 155, insert the following new Clause –

“PART 7A

HEALTHY HOMES

Duty to secure healthy homes

It is the duty of the Secretary of State to secure the health, safety, wellbeing and convenience of persons in or about buildings and of others who may be affected by buildings or matters connected with buildings in England.”

LORD CRISP
LORD YOUNG OF COOKHAM
LORD BLUNKETT

After Clause 155, insert the following new Clause –

“Policy statement on healthy homes principles

- (1) The Secretary of State must prepare a statement in accordance with this Part (the “policy statement on healthy homes principles”).
- (2) The statement must explain how the healthy homes principles are to be interpreted and applied by Ministers of the Crown in making, developing and revising their policies.
- (3) The statement may explain how the principles will be implemented and adhered to in a way that takes account of a building development’s urban, suburban or rural location.”

LORD CRISP
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After Clause 155, insert the following new Clause –

“Meaning of “healthy homes principles”

In this Part “healthy homes principles” are the principles that –

- (a) all new homes should be safe in relation to the risk of fire,
- (b) all new homes should have, as a minimum, the liveable space required to meet the needs of people over their whole lifetime, including adequate internal and external storage space,
- (c) all main living areas and bedrooms of a new dwelling should have access to natural light,
- (d) all new homes and their surroundings should be designed to be inclusive, accessible, and adaptable to suit the needs of all, with particular regard to protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010,
- (e) all new homes should be built within places that prioritise and provide access to sustainable transport and walkable services, including green infrastructure and play space,
- (f) all new homes should secure radical reductions in carbon emissions in line with the provisions of the Climate Change Act 2008,
- (g) all new homes should demonstrate how they will be resilient to a changing climate over their full lifetime,
- (h) all new homes should be secure and built in such a way as to minimise the risk of crime,
- (i) all new homes should be free from unacceptable and intrusive noise and light pollution,

- (j) all new homes should not contribute to unsafe or illegal levels of indoor or ambient air pollution and must be built to minimise, and where possible eliminate, the harmful impacts of air pollution on human health and the environment, and
- (k) all new homes should be designed to provide year-round thermal comfort for inhabitants.”

LORD CRISP
LORD YOUNG OF COOKHAM
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After Clause 155, insert the following new Clause –

“Policy statement on healthy homes principles: process

- (1) The Secretary of State must prepare a draft of the policy statement on healthy homes principles.
- (2) The Secretary of State must consult such persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate in relation to the draft statement.
- (3) The Secretary of State must lay the draft statement before Parliament.
- (4) If, before the end of the period of 21 sitting days beginning with the day after the day on which the draft statement is laid –
 - (a) either House of Parliament passes a resolution in respect of the draft, or
 - (b) a committee of either House, or a joint committee of both Houses, makes recommendations in respect of the draft, the Secretary of State must produce a response and lay it before Parliament.
- (5) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament, and publish, the final statement, but not before –
 - (a) if subsection (4) applies, the day on which the Secretary of State lays before Parliament the response required by that subsection, or
 - (b) otherwise, the end of the period of 21 sitting days beginning with the day after the day on which the draft statement is laid before Parliament.
- (6) The Secretary of State may revise the policy statement on healthy homes principles at any time (and this section applies in relation to any revised statement).
- (7) “Sitting day” means a day on which both Houses of Parliament sit.”

LORD CRISP
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After Clause 155, insert the following new Clause –

“Policy statement on healthy homes principles: effect

- (1) A Minister of the Crown must have regard to the healthy homes principles when making, developing or revising policies dealt with by the statement.
- (2) Relevant responsible authorities must have regard to the policy statement on healthy homes principles when discharging their duties under the planning, building, and public health acts.
- (3) “Relevant responsible authorities” include but are not limited to –
 - (a) local planning authorities;
 - (b) public health authorities;
 - (c) urban development corporations;
 - (d) new town development authorities;
 - (e) the planning inspectorate;
 - (f) Homes England.”

LORD CRISP
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After Clause 155, insert the following new Clause –

“Annual monitoring

- (1) The Secretary of State must prepare a progress report for each annual reporting period.
- (2) A progress report for an annual reporting period is a report on progress made in that period about the extent to which all new homes approved and completed during that period have met the healthy homes principles under section (*Policy statement on healthy homes principles*).
- (3) A progress report must include specific consideration of how the approval and creation of new homes has met the needs of those with protected characteristics under section 4 of the Equality Act 2010.
- (4) A progress report must include consideration of how progress could be improved.
- (5) The Secretary of State must –
 - (a) arrange for the progress report to be laid before Parliament, and
 - (b) publish it.”

Schedule 18

LORD HOLMES OF RICHMOND

Schedule 18, page 388, line 8, at end insert –

“1A In section 1 of the 2020 Act (pavement licences), in subsection (5), at the end insert –

“or any part of a vehicular highway which is adjacent to such a highway.””

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment enables the pavement licence to include part of the carriageway, where the carriageway is adjacent to, for example, an eligible pavement. This would enable a licensing authority to grant licences which occupy part of the highway shared between space for pedestrians and vehicles.

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