

# Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill

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## AMENDMENTS

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##### Clause 1

BARONESS PINNOCK

Clause 1, page 1, line 6, leave out “levelling-up”

*Member's explanatory statement*

*This is a probing amendment to explore the meaning of the phrase “levelling-up” and whether this part is sufficient to support the aims of “levelling-up”.*

##### After Clause 1

BARONESS PINNOCK

After Clause 1, insert the following new Clause—

**“Levelling-up metrics**

- (1) Where a statement of levelling-up missions relates to a relevant levelling-up mission, it must refer to (but is not limited to) the corresponding headline metrics when measuring progress in delivering those levelling-up missions in relation to geographical disparities.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—
  - (a) the relevant levelling-up missions are listed in the left-hand column of the following table, and
  - (b) the corresponding headline metrics, in relation to a relevant levelling-up mission, are set out in the corresponding entry in the right-hand column.

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Relevant levelling-up mission	Corresponding headline metrics
Pay, employment and productivity	Gross Value Added per hour worked, median pay, and employment rates
Research and development (“R&D”)	Business expenditure on R&D, and Government funding for R&D

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Relevant levelling-up mission	Corresponding headline metrics
Public transport connectivity	Usual method of travel to work by region of workplace, and average travel time in minutes to reach nearest large employment centre (with more than 500 employees)
Broadband and 4G and 5G coverage	Percentage of premises in the United Kingdom with gigabit-capable broadband, and percentage of 4G and 5G coverage by at least one mobile network operator
Primary school attainment	Percentage of pupils meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths by end of primary school
Skills and training	19+ further education and skills achievements (qualifications), excluding community learning, the Multiply programme and bootcamps
Life expectancy	Healthy Life Expectancy
Well-being	Average life satisfaction ratings, average feeling that things done in life are worthwhile ratings, average happiness ratings, and average anxiety ratings
Pride in place	Percentage of adults who are satisfied with their local area as a place to live and percentage of individuals who have engaged in civic participation in the last 12 months
Home ownership and decent homes	Number of first time buyers, and proportion of non-decent rented homes
Violent crime	Neighbourhood crime, homicide, and hospital admissions for assault with a sharp object amongst under-25s
Devolution	Percent of the population living in an area covered by the highest level of devolution”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would put the metrics for the Government's levelling-up missions, as set out in the 'Levelling Up the United Kingdom: missions and metrics Technical Annex', on the face of the bill.*

## Schedule 7

BARONESS TAYLOR OF STEVENAGE

Schedule 7, page 279, leave out lines 26 to 29

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would extend the group of determining bodies to include community groups.*

BARONESS TAYLOR OF STEVENAGE

Schedule 7, page 282, line 27, at end insert—

“(e) other community organisations representing members of that community.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would extend the group of determining bodies to include community groups.*

BARONESS TAYLOR OF STEVENAGE

Schedule 7, page 283, leave out line 16

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would explicitly ensure that people would have a right to be heard at an examination in public in relation to the Joint Spatial Development Plan part of the development plan.*

BARONESS TAYLOR OF STEVENAGE

Schedule 7, page 283, line 20, at end insert—

“(8) Any person who makes representations in relation to the strategy must (if that person so requests) be invited to appear before and be heard by the examiner.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would explicitly ensure that people would have a right to be heard at an examination in public in relation to the Joint Spatial Development Plan part of the development plan.*

BARONESS TAYLOR OF STEVENAGE

Schedule 7, page 290, line 7 at end insert—

(j) whether the authority will provide small site opportunities in the local plan.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is to probe the role of local SMEs in local plans.*

## BARONESS FOX OF BUCKLEY

Schedule 7, page 293, line 17, at end insert –

- “(3A) The local plan must set out the policies of the local planning authority in relation to the marketing of housing as leased, owned or rented.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require local authorities to adopt policies to ensure the marketing of housing accurately describes the nature of the tenure.*

## BARONESS TAYLOR OF STEVENAGE

Schedule 7, page 293, line 33, at end insert –

- “(4A) A local plan may provide that the local planning authority may review and change any outline planning permissions in place prior to the establishment of a local plan, including on sites where work has already commenced, to bring those permissions in line with requirements set out in the plan.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment will allow Local Planning Authorities to require Outline Planning Applications to be adjusted where they conflict with Local Plans.*

## BARONESS TAYLOR OF STEVENAGE

Schedule 7, page 293, line 35, at end insert –

- “(5A) The local plan must include policies designed to meet the housing needs of the local planning authority’s area in such a way as to secure the long-term health, safety and well-being of residents.
- (5B) For the purposes of subsection (5A), planning authorities must have regard to ensuring that house prices and rental prices are affordable to those on average and below-average household incomes.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would leave out inserted section 15A(2)(b) and make combined authorities eligible for a joint spatial development strategy.*

## BARONESS TAYLOR OF STEVENAGE

Schedule 7, page 294, leave out lines 4 and 5

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment removes the requirement in inserted section 15C(7)(b) that a local development plan must be consistent with national policies at the development plan formulation stage.*

BARONESS HAYMAN OF ULLOCK

Schedule 7, page 295, line 3, at end insert –

“(ha) Environmental Outcomes Reports,”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require local planning authority to have regard to Environmental Outcomes Reports in preparing a local plan.*

BARONESS HAYMAN OF ULLOCK

Schedule 7, page 295, line 8, at end insert “(but may not require a local plan to be consistent with any national demand management policy)”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would provide that regulations made under inserted section 15C could not require local plans to conform with national policies.*

BARONESS HAYMAN OF ULLOCK

Schedule 7, page 306, line 15, at end insert –

“(8) For a period of 6 months following a local election, a local planning authority may review a local plan that has already been adopted and submit a proposal to an examiner to change or adjust their plan.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would allow newly elected Councils to amend local plans following an election.*

BARONESS HAYMAN OF ULLOCK

Schedule 7, page 308, line 24, at end insert –

“(c) consult with relevant stakeholders, including residents, via a deliberative process.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require the Secretary of State to consult local stakeholders on the local plan.*

BARONESS HAYMAN OF ULLOCK

Schedule 7, page 318, line 12, at end insert –

“(1A) A local planning authority must have regard to the content of any relevant neighbourhood priorities statement in the exercise of its planning functions.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This means local planning authority must have regard to the content of any relevant neighbourhood priorities statement in the exercise of its planning functions.*

BARONESS HAYMAN OF ULLOCK

Schedule 7, page 327, line 6, at end insert –

“(4) In this part –

“mitigation of climate change” means compliance with the objectives and relevant budgetary provisions of the Climate Change Act 2008; “adaptation to climate change” means the achievement of long-term resilience to climate-related risks, including the mitigation of the risks identified in relation to section 56 of the Climate Change Act 2008, and the achievement of the objectives of the relevant flood and coastal erosion risk management strategy made pursuant to section 7 of the Flood and Coastal Water Management Act 2010.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires references to climate change mitigation and adaptation in the inserted sections on plan making to be interpreted in line with the Climate Change Act 2008.*

**Clause 91**

LORD STUNELL

Clause 91, page 98, leave out lines 13 to 18

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is a probing amendment to test the Government's intended limitations of scope of Neighbourhood Plans.*

**Clause 92**

LORD STUNELL

Clause 92, page 98, line 35, leave out subsection (2)

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is a probing amendment to test the Government's intended limitations of scope of Neighbourhood Plans.*

**After Clause 92**

LORD STUNELL

After Clause 92, insert the following new Clause—

**“Local Planning Authority: duty to facilitate Neighbourhood Plans**

Every Local Planning Authority has a duty to facilitate the development of Neighbourhood Plans within their plan area.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This provision is to ensure an LPA does not hinder or obstruct the establishment of a Neighbourhood Plan where there is community support.*

LORD STUNELL

After Clause 92, insert the following new Clause—

**“Safeguarding of approved neighbourhood plans**

The following provisions do not apply in relation to a neighbourhood plan endorsed by community referendum held before 1 April 2024—

- (a) subsection (2C) of section 38B of PCPA 2004 (as inserted by section 91(3)), and
- (b) section 9(2).”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would give Neighbourhood Plans drawn up prior to the coming into force of the Bill a grace period where they can be put to a community referendum without being affected by the provisions in Clauses 91 and 92.*

**Clause 98**

THE EARL OF LYTTON

Clause 98, page 108, line 19, at end insert—

- “(3) Subsections (1) and (2) shall only take effect following an order made by the Secretary of State.
- (4) The Secretary of State may only make the order in subsection (3) once a public consultation on the case for the change, drawing on the results of the Historic England indemnity pilot, has been completed. ”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment ensures that the results of the Historic England pilot are taken into account and that there is public debate and scrutiny before compensation rights are removed.*

**After Clause 214**

BARONESS RANDERSON

After Clause 214, insert the following new Clause –

**“Electric vehicle charging network**

- (1) Within six months of the day on which this Act is passed, and every six months thereafter, the Secretary of State must lay before both Houses of Parliament a statement containing an update on the Government’s electric vehicle (“EV”) infrastructure strategy.
- (2) The statement under subsection (1) must outline the progress the strategy has made in developing a comprehensive network of publicly accessible EV charge-points, with particular reference to –
  - (a) areas with higher density housing, and
  - (b) discrepancies in access to EV charge-points across the country.
- (3) The statement must outline whether the Government is intending to introduce further measures to improve the EV charging network.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require the Government to update Parliament on its electric vehicle infrastructure strategy (published in March 2022) and any future measures intended to improve the EV charging network, with particular reference to discrepancies in access to EV charge-points across the country.*





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