# Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill

# **AMENDMENTS**

# TO BE MOVED

# IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

[Supplementary to the Third Marshalled List]

#### Clause 43

#### LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH

Clause 43, page 38, line 37, at end insert –

"(ba) a district council whose area is within the proposed area;"

## Member's explanatory statement

This would add district councils to the list of local authorities who may prepare a proposal for the establishment of a CCA and to be able to submit such a proposal to the Secretary of State.

#### **After Clause 85**

BARONESS PARMINTER
BARONESS WILLIS OF SUMMERTOWN
LORD LUCAS
BARONESS YOUNG OF OLD SCONE
This is a revised version of Amendment 184

After Clause 85, insert the following new Clause –

# Local nature recovery strategies

- (1) A local planning authority must ensure that their development plan (taken as a whole) incorporates such policies and proposals so as to deliver the objectives of the local nature recovery strategy.
- (2) Any policies or proposals in subsection (1) must be consistent with the proper exercise of the authority's plan making functions."

## Member's explanatory statement

This new Clause sets out the relationship between local nature recovery strategies (LNRSs) and statutory development plans to ensure LNRSs objectives are delivered and aligned with development plans. This is to help secure implementation of Environment Act requirements.

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#### After Clause 94

#### LORD STUNELL

After Clause 94, insert the following new Clause –

# "Regulations for the purpose of defining "affordable home"

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within 12 months of the day on which this Act is passed, make regulations setting out the meaning of an "affordable home" for the purposes of this Act.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) must
  - (a) set out an affordable homes financial ceiling, which is a proportion of household income, calculated by reference to median incomes of households within the Principal Authority area within which that accommodation falls, and
  - (b) specify that an "affordable home" is one that a household can occupy at a cost at or below the affordable homes financial ceiling.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) may make separate calculations in respect of rented, purchased, or shared ownership tenure."

# Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require the Secretary of State to set out the meaning of an "affordable home" with reference to median incomes of households in the area.

#### Schedule 8

## **BARONESS PARMINTER**

Schedule 8, page 335, line 36, at end insert –

"Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006

- The Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 is amended as follows.
- In subsection 40(2B) (duty to conserve and enhance biodiversity), after "subsection (2A)(a)" insert "and section (*Local nature recovery strategies*) of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023".
- 17 In subsection 40A(4) (biodiversity reports), at the end insert
  - '(d) information about how the authority has contributed to delivery of the objectives of the local nature recovery strategy in carrying out its duty under section (*Local nature recovery strategies*) of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 over the period covered by the report,
  - (e) information on any action or omission by the authority in carrying out its duty that materially deviates from the objectives

- of the local nature recovery strategy or hinders the achievement of those objectives, and
- (f) information on how the authority has taken proper account of statutory guidance in carrying out its duty under section (*Local nature recovery strategies*) of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 over the period covered by the report.""

# Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the amendment in the name of Baroness Parminter after Clause 85. It ensures the Secretary of State's guidance to LPAs on how to have regard to LNRSs must include how LPAs can comply with the new duty to ensure their development plan includes policies and procedures to deliver the objectives of the LNRSs and requires reporting by local authorities.

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