

Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill

AMENDMENT

TO BE MOVED

IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

[Supplementary to the Fifth Marshalled List]

After Clause 214

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After Clause 214, insert the following new Clause –

“Other effective area-based conservation measures

- (1) For the purposes of this section, an “other effective area-based conservation measure” (“OECM”) is a geographic area, not within a protected area, that delivers long-term biodiversity conservation, as defined in the 2018 Convention on Biological Diversity.
- (2) A Local Authority may designate an area as an OECM if –
 - (a) the area covers a continuous clearly defined area of land of any size,
 - (b) it is satisfied that the area will be governed and managed in ways that achieve positive and sustained long-term outcomes for the in-situ conservation of biodiversity, with associated ecosystem functions and services and, where applicable, cultural, spiritual, socio-economic, and other locally-relevant values, and
 - (c) there are grounds to believe that subsection (b) will be the case for ten or more years.
- (3) A Local Authority must maintain a digital public register of OECMs in its area including –
 - (a) the mapped boundaries of each OECM,
 - (b) the contact details of the person responsible for maintaining each OECM, and
 - (c) the purpose for which the OECM has been created.
- (4) A Local Authority must remove an OECM from its register if –
 - (a) it is of the view that the OECM no longer satisfies the purposes for which it was created, and
 - (b) the person responsible for maintaining the OECM has been unable to satisfy the Local Authority that the listing should be maintained.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would enable local communities, their citizens, landowners and organisations to contribute directly to the 30 by 30 target for the protection of nature through an internationally recognised structure.

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