

Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill

AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED ON REPORT

After Clause 86

BARONESS PARMINTER

After Clause 86, 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.

Schedule 8

BARONESS PARMINTER

Schedule 8, page 396, line 37, at end insert –

“Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006

- 41 The Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 is amended as follows.
- 42 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”.
- 43 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 86. 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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