

Planning and Infrastructure Bill

AMENDMENTS

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[Supplementary to the Second Marshalled List]

Amendment
No.

Clause 52

LORD LUCAS

- 87G★** Clause 52, page 70, line 38, at end insert “, or where the area of a spatial development strategy contains any part of a national park authority.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to ensure coherent planning through extending the Secretary of State's powers to establish a joint committee of authorities where a national park is present in the spatial development strategy area.

After Clause 52

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- 121C★** After Clause 52, insert the following new Clause —

“Wildfire risk and planning: duties

- (1) Within six months of the day on which this Act is passed —
 - (a) the Secretary of State must publish a national wildfire strategy and action plan, for the purposes of informing national and local planning policy, and
 - (b) each local planning authority in England must, in conjunction with their local fire and rescue service, publish a wildfire risk assessment, for the purposes of informing local plans and planning policy.
- (2) The wildfire risk assessment under subsection (1)(b) must include —
 - (a) a map identifying areas of subject to wildfire risk, which is produced in accordance with a United Kingdom fire danger rating system,
 - (b) the actions to be taken to mitigate risk in the areas identified as part of a new development, including, but not limited to —
 - (i) fuel management,

- (ii) vegetation change, and
 - (iii) public education, and
- (c) guidance to local communities on how to improve the wildfire resilience of new homes or developments.
- (3) When exercising their functions under the planning Acts, a local planning authority must have regard to—
 - (a) the wildfire risk assessment for that local authority area,
 - (b) the design of any buildings and developments in relation to wildfire risks,
 - (c) the layout of the buildings and developments in relation to wildfire risks,
 - (d) the ways that buildings and developments relate to the surrounding landscape in relation to wildfire risks, and
 - (e) any wildfire risk reduction measures in place locally.”

Clause 76

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182A★ Clause 76, page 110, line 3, leave out subsections (3) to (5) and insert—

- “(3) Natural England must pay another person to take conservation measures with regard to its duties under subsection (1)(b), or to monitor EDPs with regard to its duties under subsection (1)(c).
- (4) Before commissioning another person to take conservation measures or monitor EDPs with regard to subsection (3), Natural England must first set out which private market solutions were explored to address an environmental impact on an identified environmental feature, and why no existing and available private market solution was deemed sufficient or suitable.
- (5) When commissioning conservation measures or monitoring under subsection (3) with regard to subsections (1)(b) and (1)(c), Natural England must undertake an open competitive tender process.
- (6) Natural England cannot undertake conservation measures itself unless it can show that no individual or body is willing to undertake conservation measures on its behalf.
- (7) In the event that Natural England undertakes conservation measures itself, it must first attempt to purchase the land in question at market value.
- (8) In monitoring an EDP under subsection (1)(c) Natural England must take sufficient measures to monitor —
 - (a) the effectiveness of the conservation measures that have been implemented, and
 - (b) the effects of the EDP in general.
- (9) When commissioning monitoring with regard to subsection (1)(c), Natural England must have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State.”

Clause 100

LORD LUCAS

238ZA★ Clause 100, page 141, line 23, at end insert –

“(A1) In section 7 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (interpretation), after the definition of “local authority” insert –

““local news publisher” has the meaning prescribed to it in Schedule 2ZA.”.

(A2) After Schedule 2 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981, insert –

“SCHEDULE 2ZA**LOCAL NEWS PUBLISHERS***Definition of local news publisher*

- 1 The term “local news publisher” means a business that –
 - (a) has as its principal purpose the publication of original, local news content, where such material, whether or not publication is done with a view to making profit –
 - (i) is published, online or in print, no less than once every 31 days;
 - (ii) is subject to editorial control;
 - (iii) is regulated by the Independent Press Standards Organisation (IPSO), or by IMPRESS;
 - (b) is legally resident in the United Kingdom;
 - (c) is owned and operated within the community; and
 - (d) is considered by the relevant local authority to be an effective means of drawing the notice to the attention of local people who would be interested to read it but are not actively looking for it.
- 2 An organisation is a relevant local authority if it is –
 - (a) identified as a principal council within the meaning of section 2 of the Local Government Act 1978 for England or section 21 of that Act for Wales, and
 - (b) required by law (such as section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984) to issue a public notice relating to any powers it exercises.””

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, together with two others to this Clause in the name of Lord Lucas, is to update the 1981 definition of newspaper so that it takes account of the substantial changes in local media this century, in relation to newspaper notices required under the Acquisition of Land Act 1981.

LORD LUCAS

- 238ZB★** Clause 100, page 141, line 27, after “order),” insert —
“(a) in subsection (1)(a), for “newspapers” substitute “news publishers”;”

LORD LUCAS

- 238ZC★** Clause 100, page 141, line 31, at end insert —
“(za) in subsection (3)(a), for “newspapers” substitute “news publishers”;”

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