

# English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill

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## AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED IN GRAND COMMITTEE

*[Supplementary to the Second Marshalled List]*

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**Amendment  
No.**

### **Schedule 9**

BARONESS BENNETT OF MANOR CASTLE

**117A★** Schedule 9, page 165, line 13, leave out “using key route network roads”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would apply the traffic reporting duty to all local roads within the area of local transport authority, ensuring alignment of the duty with the scope of their respective local transport plan.*

BARONESS BENNETT OF MANOR CASTLE

**117B★** Schedule 9, page 165, line 17, leave out “using key route network roads”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment is connected to my amendment to Schedule 9, page 165, line 13.*

BARONESS BENNETT OF MANOR CASTLE

**117C★** Schedule 9, page 165, line 22, leave out “using key route network roads”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment is connected to my amendment to Schedule 9, page 165, line 13.*

BARONESS BENNETT OF MANOR CASTLE

**117D★** Schedule 9, page 165, line 27, leave out “using key route network roads”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment is connected to my amendment to Schedule 9, page 165, line 13.*

## BARONESS BENNETT OF MANOR CASTLE

- 117E★** Schedule 9, page 165, line 31, leave out “using key route network roads”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment is connected to my amendment to Schedule 9, page 165, line 13.*

## BARONESS BENNETT OF MANOR CASTLE

- 117F★** Schedule 9, page 165, line 34, leave out “using key route network roads”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment is connected to my amendment to Schedule 9, page 165, line 13.*

## BARONESS BENNETT OF MANOR CASTLE

- 117G★** Schedule 9, page 167, line 16, leave out paragraph 11

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment is connected to my amendment to Schedule 9, page 165, line 13.*

**Clause 29**

## BARONESS BENNETT OF MANOR CASTLE

- 118A★** Clause 29, page 37, line 7, after “policies” insert “and proposals”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires local highway authorities to implement proposals in transport plans produced by strategic authorities outside London, in the same way as is already the case within London, as provided for by section 151(1) of the Greater London Authority Act 1999.*

## BARONESS BENNETT OF MANOR CASTLE

- 118B★** Clause 29, page 37, leave out lines 12 to 13

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment is connected to my amendment to Clause 29, page 37, line 7.*

## BARONESS BENNETT OF MANOR CASTLE

- 119A★** Clause 29, page 37, line 28, after “policies” insert “and proposals”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment is connected to my amendment to Clause 29, page 37, line 7.*

## BARONESS BENNETT OF MANOR CASTLE

**119B★** Clause 29, page 37, leave out lines 34 to 35

*Member's explanatory statement*

*This amendment is connected to my amendment to Clause 29, page 37, line 7.*

**Schedule 10**

## BARONESS BENNETT OF MANOR CASTLE

**120F★** Schedule 10, page 169, leave out lines 22 to 24 then insert—

- “(8) A local transport authority—
- (a) must review the local transport plan whenever the local transport authority thinks it appropriate to do so, and
  - (b) in any event, must subsequently amend the local transport plan at intervals of no more than five years.”

*Member's explanatory statement*

*This amendment removes the obligation for unanimous approval from all constituent authorities outside mayoral areas to approve a local transport plan. It instead requires local transport authorities to keep their local transport plans under review and to amend them at least every five years to ensure they remain up-to-date. This would bring the review frequency of these plans in line with other plans and policies, such as the requirement for National Policy Statements.*

**After Clause 56**

## BARONESS BENNETT OF MANOR CASTLE

**196E★** After Clause 56, insert the following new Clause—

**“Local government data**

- (1) The Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 84(2)(b) (power in relation to the processing of planning data), after “development” insert “including in relation to economic conditions, transport, tourism and nature”.
- (3) In section 91 (interpretation of Chapter), in the definition of “relevant planning enactment”—
  - (a) in paragraph (g), at end insert “; Parts 2 and 3 of the Transport Act 2000”;
  - (b) in paragraph (k), at end insert “; the Environment Act 2021, Part 3 of the Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025, and the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026”.

*Member's explanatory statement*

*The effect of this new clause is to extend data standardisation powers contained in the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act 2023 beyond development planning, to encompass Local Growth Plans,*

*Local Nature Recovery Strategies and Local Transport Plans. Currently, proposals in these other plans may not constitute “development”, so would be outside the scope of existing powers.*

### Schedule 29

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

- 234A★** Schedule 29, page 298, line 21, at end insert “or is used wholly or mainly for sporting or physical recreational activities.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*The definition of sporting asset in the Bill is quite limited; this amendment seeks to broaden the definition to cover more of the grassroots sports clubs - such as football, boxing, cricket etc.*

### After Clause 73

LORD SHIPLEY

- 241C★** After Clause 73, insert the following new Clause —

**“English National Park authorities: community consultation**

Where a community in England is not part of an English National Park authority area but —

- (a) is surrounded by one, or
- (b) shares a border with one,

that authority must consult with that community on any matter within the competence of that authority which may impact on that community before a decision is made.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*English National Park authorities will gain a general power of competence at Clause 73. This amendment would require them to consult with communities surrounded or bordered by a National Park on matters that might impact on those communities.*

### After Clause 85

LORD FULLER

- 256A★** After Clause 85, insert the following new Clause —

**“Major precepting authorities: parish and community councils**

- (1) Section 39 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (precepting and precepted authorities) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1), after paragraph (ac) insert –

- “(ad) a parish or community council where the population of the authority area is greater than 50,000 people;
- (ae) the chairman of a parish meeting where the parish council’s authority area has a population greater than 50,000 people.”

(3) In subsection (2) –

- (a) in paragraph (c), at end insert “of an area with a population less than 50,000 people;”;
- (b) in paragraph (d), after “meeting” insert “for a parish council of an area with a population less than 50,000 people”.

***Member's explanatory statement***

*Following local government reorganisation, a number of former billing authorities will become large town or city councils and as a result will largely be unconstrained in their powers to raise council tax. This amendment seeks to ensure that parish and community councils with large populations are constrained in their ability to raise council tax in line with the restrictions placed on major precepting authorities, as defined in the Local Government Finance Act 1992.*

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