

English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill

AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED IN GRAND COMMITTEE

[Supplementary to the Fifth Marshalled List]

Amendment
No.

After Clause 63

BARONESS MCINTOSH OF PICKERING

222B★ After Clause 63, insert the following Clause —

“Local planning authority: duty to consult fire and rescue services

- (1) Where a local planning authority is considering a planning application relating to energy infrastructure, the local planning authority must consult the local fire and rescue service for the place which application relates to.
- (2) The local planning authority must have regard to any increased fire risk arising from the infrastructure project when assessing the application.”

Member's explanatory statement

This probing amendment seeks to ensure that where a planning application relates to energy projects (for example, battery energy storage systems), fire and rescue services are statutory consultees.

After Clause 73

BARONESS FREEMAN OF STEVENTON

241E★ After Clause 73, insert the following new Clause —

“National Parks and strategic planning

In exercising functions under this Act relating to spatial development strategies, the Secretary of State must have regard to the desirability of ensuring that National Park authorities are statutory participators and providers of advice in the development of a strategy where it —

- (a) relates to land within a National Park, or
- (b) is likely to have a significant effect on the purposes of a National Park.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require a strategic planning authority to include the relevant National Park Authority as a statutory participant in the development a spatial development strategy where this covers all or part of a National Park, ensuring that National Park Authorities are formally involved in the preparation and examination of strategies affecting areas for which they are the statutory local planning authority.

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