

APPENDIX A. LEVELLING UP AND REGENERATION ACT 2023 – KEY MEASURES NOT RELATING EXPLICITLY TO PROTECTED LANDSCAPES

1. Headline measure in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act (LURA) include:
 - Local Plans will be limited to 'locally specific' matters, with 'issues that apply in most areas' to be covered by new National Development Management Policies (NDMPs). In the event of a conflict between the Local Plan Policy and NDMPs, NDMPs will have primacy.
 - Environmental Impact Assessments, Sustainability Appraisals and Strategic Environmental Assessment will be replaced by 'Environmental Outcome Reports' (EOR).
 - Local Planning Authorities will be required to have a design code in place covering their entire areas. The area-wide codes will act as a framework for subsequent detailed design codes to be prepared for specific sites or areas.
 - Registered parks and gardens, World Heritage Sites, protected wreck sites and registered battlefields will gain the same level of planning protection as listed buildings and conservation areas.
 - Increased weight will be given to local plans, neighbourhood plans and spatial development strategies that are proposed by mayors or combined authorities.
 - The Duty to Cooperate will be dropped and any time limits prescribed for different stages of plan preparation.
 - A new Infrastructure Levy (IL) will be introduced, replacing the current Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) regime at the local level, although CIL will remain in Greater London and Wales.
 - The introduction of a 'Street Votes' system which will allow residents to propose development on their street and hold a vote on whether planning permission should be given.
 - Local Planning Authorities will have the power to decline to determine applications from applicants who have previously not implemented permissions in the area, or who have built out developments unreasonably slowly.
 - The introduction of the requirement for developers to submit commencement notices to the Local Planning Authority to specify the date on which they expect that development will begin.

2. The following is a list of useful summaries of the LURA:
 - <https://www.pegasusgroup.co.uk/briefing-papers/summary-note-of-the-levelling-up-and-regeneration-act/>

- <https://www.farrer.co.uk/news-and-insights/levelling-up-and-regeneration-act-2023-what-does-it-mean-for-planning/>
- <https://www.bclplaw.com/en-US/events-insights-news/levelling-up-and-regeneration-act-2023-summary-of-planning-reforms.html>
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Levelling-up_and_Regeneration_Act_2023