

## PLANNING NEWSLETTER

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## Follow-up: DLUHC Broadcast on "Planning in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill"

Yesterday, Simon Gallagher (Director of Planning, DLUHC) and I hosted a Teams Broadcast on "Planning in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill". Thank you to everyone who attended and those who shared the invitation with colleagues. We had five thousand people on the call and received nearly four hundred questions. This level of engagement highlights the importance people place on planning and its role in delivering positive change in our communities.

We hope you found the event useful. Links to the information published this week are provided below. With apologies to those who couldn't attend but wanted to; we were not able to record this event but will consider doing so for future events.

The Bill was introduced into Parliament on Wednesday 11th May and will now progress through the different stages in both Houses and through Committee. The introduction of the Bill marks the start of a programme of policy and practice change, but this will not happen immediately. Once the Bill is enacted, the changes that are set out in legislation will be accompanied by updates to regulations and policy. Some matters will be subject to public consultation, as indicated in the next steps section of the policy document listed below.

We look forward to working closely with partners across the industry and in local planning authorities on this next phase of work.

- The Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill, along with the Explanatory Notes can be found <a href="here">here</a>. These documents are over 300 pages long. The Explanatory Note, for most readers, is the best place to start if you want to look at policy areas in detail. The content page provides a useful means to navigate to the topics and clauses in the Bill.
- To accompany the introduction, we also published <u>a policy document</u> (12 pages) titled **Levelling Up and Regeneration: Further Information** that includes a summary of changes to the planning system including aspects outside of the Bill. It also outlines next steps.
- The **press release** for the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill can be found <u>here</u>.
- We are planning to run further events as the Bill progresses through Parliament.
  Please sign up here to be notified of future events.

Kind regards

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