



# **ELC: Update from England**

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Department for Communities and Local Government

### National Planning Policy Framework (2012) retains presumption in favour of sustainable development

In order to meet sustainability test must demonstrate that proposals do not cause harm/substantial harm to assets



# Lyveden New Bield – Barnwell Manor Wind Farm



Department for Communities and Local Government

Localism Act 2011 gave enhanced role to communities in the planning process through Neighbourhood Plans

New Bill before Parliament will require Local Planning Authorities to have regard to Neighbourhood Plans



### Department for Communities and Local Government

# Notes on Neighbourhood

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The new Neighbourhood Planning Bill goes before Parliament

#### Neighbourhood Planning Bill 2016-17

Type of Bill: Sponsor:

Government Bill Sajid Javid Communities and Local Government

Progress of the Bill

Planning



For Neighbourhood planning advice and support visit http://mycommunity.org.uk/helpcentre/ Telephone 0300 020 1864

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Department for Culture Media & Sport

- <u>Discover England Fund</u> encouraging areas outside London to be visited and appreciated
- <u>Great Place Scheme</u> Looking at how cultural investment in places can align with and support wider objectives
- <u>Heritage Action Zones</u> to manage change and make historic assets more productive in areas of growth



Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs

- <u>Protected Landscapes</u> National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Beauty
- <u>Natural England</u> responsible for nature, public access and landscape
- <u>Environment Agency</u> protects and enhances the environment
- Forestry Commission manages public forestry estate and UK Forestry Standards

### 8-Point Plan for England's **National Parks**

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繱 Department National Parks for Environment England Food & Rural Affairs





#### **Designated Landscapes in England**







### Woodland cover for England



Priority 4 of the Article 5 Union Priorities for Rural Development:

Restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems dependent on agriculture and forestry, with a focus on the following areas:

 (a) restoring and preserving biodiversity, including in Natura 2000 areas and high nature value farming, <u>and the state of European</u> <u>landscapes</u>

## European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development:

Paragraph 24: The development of local infrastructure and local basic services in rural areas, villages and activities aimed at the <u>restoration and upgrading of the cultural</u> and natural heritage of villages <u>and rural landscapes</u> is an essential element of any effort to realise the growth potential and promote the sustainability of rural areas.

## European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development:

Paragraph 28: Agri-environment-climate payments should continue to play a prominent role in supporting the sustainable development of rural areas and in responding to society's increasing demands for environmental services. They should further encourage farmers and other land managers to serve society as a whole by introducing or continuing to apply agricultural practices contributing to climate change mitigation and adaptation and compatible with the protection and improvement of the environment, the landscape and its features.

European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development – Results from England

• 70% of agricultural land under agri-environment agreements

•2,200 protected (Scheduled) archaeological sites been placed under management options to improve their condition

- 29,300 Ha of archaeological sites have had the impact of cultivation reduced or removed
- 89,000 Ha of archaeological sites in grassland being managed more effectively
- Represents £280 million of investment between 2005-2024

 "No Detriment" rule – achieving one environmental objective should not prejudice another





