



Planning Bulletin March 2023

This monthly note highlights some of the recent and forthcoming developments in the world of planning, from a heritage perspective. Please note that this is not necessarily a complete review of matters and is not intended to provide any legal advice on the issues raised. Unless otherwise stated, it does not comprise the formal position of Historic England on these matters.

Legislation and Matters Arising

Emerging Legislation

This section provides a summary of updates to emerging legislation in the last month. Information on what the emerging legislation covers and its overall progress to date can now be found in [Appendix I](#).

Government Bills

Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill

- The [Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill \(LURB\)](#) has passed through the House of Commons and the amended Bill is progressing through the House of Lords, where it is undergoing detailed scrutiny at Committee stage. An updated list of [potential amendments to the LURB](#), including amendments to some heritage related clauses, was published on 23 March. The heritage related amendments had not been discussed at the time of writing.

Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill

- The [Retained EU Law \(REUL\) Bill](#) has already passed through the House of Commons and is progressing through the House of Lords, where it is at Committee stage. A new list of [potential amendments to the REUL Bill](#) were published on 21 March. Report stage is currently scheduled to start on 19 April.

UK Infrastructure Bank Bill

- Lords consideration of Commons amendments to the [UK Infrastructure Bank Bill](#) took place in the House of Lords on 14 March. The House of Commons considered the Lords Amendments on Wednesday 22 March and agreed to Amendment 3B, removing a reference to structures underpinning the circular economy. The Bill will now proceed to Royal Assent.



The Energy Bill

- The Report stage for the [Energy Bill](#) commenced on 28 March. A second day of report stage is scheduled for 17 April.

High Speed Rail (Crewe to Manchester) Bill

- No change.

Private Members' Bills

Green Belt (Protection) Bill

- The Second reading of the [Green Belt \(Protection\) Bill \(GBPB\)](#) is scheduled to take place on 7 July. However, the House is currently not expected to sit on this day.

Private Burial Grounds and Cemeteries Bill

- No change.

Ecology Bill

- The Third reading for the [Ecology Bill](#) (previously the [Climate and Ecology Bill](#)) is scheduled for 21 April.

Carbon Emissions Bill

- No change.

Private Bills

Bishop's Stortford Cemetery Bill

- The [Bishop's Stortford Cemetery Bill](#) had its Second reading in the House of Lords on 28 February. The bill now proceeds to an Opposed Bill Committee (Select Committee) to consider the petition against it.

Amendments to the Treasure Act

- Changes to make the legal definition of treasure 'significance based' via the [Treasure \(Designation\) \(Amendment\) Order 2023](#) and the associated [Draft Treasure Act 1996: Code of Practice \(3rd Revision\)](#) have been agreed following the affirmative resolution procedure. Additionally, the [Explanatory Memorandum to The Treasure Act 1996: Code of Practice \(3rd Revision\) 2023](#) was updated on 9 March and the DCMS research underpinning the changes to the definition of treasure has also been published: [Heyworth Report: Research to inform a revised definition of treasure](#).



Heritage Planning Case Database

- Historic England tweets planning decisions of heritage interest, via @HeritageAdvice, and these are then collated into the Heritage Planning Case Database. This is a searchable online database of appeal and call-in decisions relating to planning permission (that affects a heritage asset) and listed building consent. Cases have been summarised using a standard list of search terms, and searches can also be carried out by address, date, or decision reference.

Committees

Public Accounts Committee

- Since 15 February, the [Public Accounts Committee](#) has been following up on a number of previous inquiries on waste crime, air quality, water supply, and the Environmental Land Management Scheme in their [Defra Recall: Environmental Protection Inquiry](#). Any new evidence on these topics is to be submitted by 10 April.

Land Use in England Committee

- Last year, the [Land Use in England Committee](#) held an [Inquiry to consider Land Use in England](#). Formal (private meetings) were held in November and, on 13 December 2022, the findings of the Inquiry were published. The Report calls for clarity on Environmental Land Management Schemes (ELMS) and for the government to set up a Land Use Commission that can establish a Land Use Framework, identifying land use challenges and opportunities. The government response was due on 13 February; but is still awaited.

Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

- The [Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee](#) is examining the government's current consultation on reforms to national planning policy, looking at the proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the government's wider approach to planning reform. An [evidence session on reforms to the NPPF](#) was held on the 13 March. This follows the close of the government's consultation on reforms to national planning policy on 2 March.

Government Planning Letters

Letters to Chief Planning Officers

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) regularly writes letters to chief planning officers of local planning authorities in England, providing guidance on planning.



Planning Update Newsletter: 3 March

- A [DLUHC Planning Newsletter](#) was published on 3 March, by the Chief Planner, Joanna Averley. The letter covered the following topics:
 - [DLUHC's consultation on increasing planning fees](#): 'Stronger Performance of Local Planning Authorities Supported through an increase in Planning Fees'.
 - The governments launch of the [Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects \(NSIP\) Action Plan](#).
 - The launch of the [Competition and Market Authority's studies on housebuilding and renter's consumer rights](#).
 - The preparation and consultation of the next round of Water Resource Management Plans for the period 2024-2029, called WRMP24. The draft plans have been published for consultation and Local Planning Authorities may still be able to comment on the draft plan for their area.
 - DLUHCs continued research into the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill's proposed changes to the planning system and the ability to [sign up to DLUHCs User Research Team](#) to help inform planning reform.
 - The passing of [legislation for environmental targets for Fine Particulate Matter](#) (air quality).
 - The announcement that [Active Travel England](#) will be a new statutory consultee from 1 June 2023.
 - The publication of a [Natural Capital Guide by Natural England](#).
 - The publication of DEFRA's [government response to the consultation on Biodiversity Net Gain \(BNG\) regulation and implementation](#).
 - Guidance for land managers, including LPAs, who wish to sell units to the off-site market covering [Combining environmental payments: biodiversity net gain \(BNG\) and nutrient mitigation](#) and on how to [Sell biodiversity units as a land manager](#).

Planning Update Newsletter: 21 March

- Another [DLUHC Planning newsletter](#) was published on 21 March. This highlighted the following:
 - The launch of the [Environmental Outcome Report \(EOR\) Consultation](#) by DLUHC (more information on this below in the consultation section) and a [Planning Advisory Service \(PAS\) Webinar on the EOR consultation](#) on March 30.



- The launch of the [Technical Consultation on the Infrastructure Levy](#) by DLUHC (more information on this below in the consultation section) and a [PAS Webinar on the Infrastructure Levy Consultation](#) on 29 March.
- [New government funding of one million pounds for Public Practice](#), a social enterprise that recruits placemaking professionals for local authorities.
- DLUHC have announced that a call for evidence from local authorities in England for locally led nutrient neutrality credit schemes is imminent.

Letter to the Planning Inspectorate: 8 March

- On 8 March, the Chief Planner published a [letter to the Chief Executive of the Planning Inspectorate](#). It stated that Inspectors can resume sending letters, or reports, which conclude that local plans are unsound and/or that advise councils that local plans should be withdrawn.

Advice

Historic England Advice

- All [Historic England planning advice](#) is available on our website and [Appendix II](#), below, includes a list of all Good Practice Advice notes (GPAs) and Historic England Advice Notes (HEANs).

Forthcoming Historic England Advice

- Advice on historic Alms houses is being drafted, with consultation expected later in the year.
- A new HEAN on Managing Change Affecting World Heritage Sites in England is being drafted. Public consultation on the guidance will be announced in the coming months.
- Drafting has begun on a new HEAN on Climate Change and Historic Environment. Public consultation on the guidance will be announced in the coming months.

Training

Launching Historic England's Learning Management System

- Historic England is in the process of launching a new Learning Management System. At present, the system is being live tested, and feedback taken to make any last changes before the full launch. Three ['Heritage for Planners: Essentials' courses](#) are now available.



- During 2023-24 Historic England will launch five Heritage for Planners: Essentials courses, as well as courses related to climate change and popular former HELM course such as Stopping the Rot and Archaeology for Planners.

Webinars

- Historic England continues to run a webinar programme will alongside the courses offered in the Learning Management System. The latest topics include:
 - Retrofit and Flood Resilience Outliers
 - On 4 April at 13:00 there will be a webinar on the findings of the Environmental Design Study, which investigated how a building of traditional construction could be adapted and made more flood resilient. To Register: [Retrofit and Flood Resilience Outliers Webinar](#).
 - Understanding carbon
 - On 18 April at 13:00 Historic England are running a webinar that will introduce and discuss whole life carbon for historic buildings, with an opportunity to put your questions to our Technical Conservation colleagues. To register: [Understanding Carbon Webinar](#).
 - SPAB Fellows
 - On 11 April at 13:00 three SPAB Fellows will be discussing their expertise, including wallhead details and vernacular thatch. To register: [SPAB Fellows Webinar](#).
 - SPAB Scholars
 - On 25 April at 13:00 four SPAB Scholars will discuss technical repairs undertaken during their programme. To register: [SPAB Scholars Webinar](#).

Marine Planning

- On 21 March, the government published the [Summary of Responses to the Consultation on the Principles of Marine Net Gain](#). DEFRA's [Consultation on the Principles of Marine Net Gain](#) ran for 14 weeks from June to September 2022 and 92 responses were received. The government's response to the consultation is due to be published by summer 2023.

Infrastructure Planning

National Policy Statements for Ports

- The government has announced the [Review of the 2012 National Policy Statement for Ports](#). The review will include an examination of the modelling and forecasts that support



the statement of need for development, and the environmental, safety, resilience, and local community considerations that planning decisions must consider. For the duration of the review the [current National Policy Statement for Ports](#) remains in place.

Infrastructure Progress Review 2023

- On 27 March, the National Infrastructure Commission published the [Infrastructure Progress Review 2023](#), which assesses the governments progress towards adopting the Commissions past recommendations.

Planning for new energy infrastructure: review of energy National Policy Statements

- DESNZ has published the response to the [Planning for new energy infrastructure: review of energy National Policy Statements \(NPS\) Consultation](#) which ran from September to November 2021. The consultation explored whether the revised NPS provided a suitable decision-making framework and sought views on its supporting appraisals of sustainability and habitats regulations assessments.

Other Items

Green Day

- 30 March was the government's 'Green Day', on which a series of announcements relating to energy security and delivery of net zero commitments were announced. Where relevant to the heritage and planning, further information on these announcements (bar the Powering Up Britain Policy Paper – see below) will be provided in next months Planning Bulletin.

Powering Up Britain: Policy Paper

- On 30 March, the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) published its [Powering Up Britain plans](#) which includes an [energy security strategy](#) and [net zero growth plan](#).

Investment Zones

- The government has published a new policy paper on Investment Zones, setting out how they will be 'refocussed'. The government has published further details in the accompanying [Investment Zones Policy Prospectus](#) and [Investment Zones Place Selection: Methodology Note](#).
- The policy paper sets out that:

- The government has identified five priority sectors to focus IZs on – Digital and Technology; Green Industries; Life Sciences; Advanced Manufacturing; and Creative Industries.
- The current proposals are for 12 IZs across the Midlands and the North of England. At least one IZ is intended in each of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, but policy for these is still emerging.
- Investment Zones will operate within current regulatory frameworks, be expected to maintain high environmental standards and have a clear spatial focus.
- Planning is to be ‘exemplar – high quality, accessible and sustainable’. Master-planning, Local Development Orders and, if significant development is required, Development Corporations, are encouraged.
- IZs will receive a range of fiscal incentives. This includes flexible funding for a variety of uses, including planning and development (e.g. Development Corporation funding).
- In addition to funding, government will provide advice on national policy, including planning advice from DLUHC. This is intended to facilitate best practice and assist with capacity and resourcing.

Consultation on the Biodiversity Metric

- On March 20, the government published its [response to DEFRA's Technical Consultation on the Biodiversity Metric](#). The Metric's purpose is to calculate and measure biodiversity losses and gains for developments under the [Town and Country Planning Act 1990](#) and the [Planning Act 2008](#) (Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects).

The Planning Inspectorate

- The latest [Planning Inspectorate statistics](#) were released on 23 March. These cover how the organisation is performing, the volume of cases that have been received and decided, and how many appeals have been allowed.

Design Code Library

- The advisory board to the Office for Place have compiled a [Design Code Library](#), with design codes from across the country that represent good practice.



Current Consultations

Planning for New Energy Infrastructure: Revisions to National Policy Statements

- DESNZ has reopened the [consultation on Planning for new energy infrastructure: revisions to National Policy Statements](#). This consultation is more focused and has eight questions on:
 - The prioritisation and delivery of offshore wind infrastructure.
 - Strengthening the electricity networks NPS.
 - Civil and military aviation and defence interests.
- The consultation closes on 25 May.

Community Benefits for Electricity Transmission Network Infrastructure

- DESNZ has opened a consultation on [Community Benefits for Electricity Transmission Network Infrastructure](#). The consultation comprises 16 questions on how community benefits from infrastructure projects can be delivered.
- To support the consultation, DESNZ will be holding the following webinars throughout the consultation:
 - [Individuals and Community Representatives Webinars](#).
 - [Industry Representatives Webinars](#).
- The consultation closes on 25 May.

Environmental Outcome Reports: A New Approach to Environmental Assessment

- DLUHC has announced a [consultation on Environmental Outcome Reports](#) (EORs), a new assessment regime proposed in the LURB to replace the current environmental assessment processes of Strategic Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment.
- It is proposed that EORs will be outcome focused reports, with the outcomes measured against a series of indicators such as natural capital assets (for example, land, freshwater, air and seas) which show the condition of the assets, the pressures acting upon them and the provision of services or benefits they provide (see [Appendix 1 of the EOR Consultation](#)

document for an example). In addition to assessing against outcomes, an EOR must set out and assess the impact of any proposed mitigation or compensation, as well as consider reasonable alternatives to the consent or plan, or any element of them.

- Whilst the outcomes will be set in secondary legislation the supporting suite of indicators will be set out in guidance.
- The consultation acknowledges the threat to cultural heritage and confirms that cultural heritage and archaeology will be included within the EOR framework (paragraph 4.10). However, it is stated that duplication between policy and assessment is to be avoided and adds (at paragraph 4.12) that: “An example of this [duplication] could be consideration of cultural heritage issues in the planning system where this is already required under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, the National Planning Policy Framework and the National Policy Statements (for Development Consent Orders/NSIPs).”
- The consultation will be open until 9 June and comprises 26 questions on the following topics:
 - The setting of outcomes and indicators and their underlying principles/ criteria.
 - Proportionate reporting.
 - Assessing climate change.
 - What EORs will cover (e.g. reasonable alternatives) and when they will be needed (e.g. screening and consents categories).
 - Strengthening mitigation and monitoring.
 - Capturing and sharing data.
 - Reporting against outcomes.
 - Transitioning, resourcing and equality.

Technical Consultation on the Infrastructure Levy

- On 17 March, DLUHC launched a technical [consultation on the Infrastructure Levy](#), which the LURB proposes as a replacement to the existing system of developer contributions in England (i.e. Section 106 planning obligations and the Community Infrastructure Levy).
- The consultation will inform the design of the levy and the regulations for its operation. A further consultation on the drafting of those regulations will be published in due course. Alongside this publication is a report on an earlier design of the Levy, commissioned by DLUHC.



- The consultation comprises a total of 45 questions around the Levy rates, the process for calculating and paying the rates, the delivery of infrastructure, the delivery of affordable housing and other areas.
- The consultation closes on 9 June.

Draft Revised National Networks National Policy Statement

- The Department for Transport has opened a [consultation on the draft revised National Networks National Policy Statement \(NNNPS\) 2023](#) and accompanying documents. The NNNPS covers the strategic road and rail networks and strategic rail freight interchanges. The consultation closes on 6 June.

Call for evidence – Protected sites for nature in England and Northern Ireland

- [The Office for Environmental Protection is calling for evidence](#) for its review of protected nature sites laws in England and Northern Ireland. The call for evidence closes on 21 April.

Increasing Planning Fees and Performance: Technical Consultation

- DLUHC has opened a [consultation on proposals to increase planning fees and improve the performance of local planning authorities](#). Amongst other things, the proposals include:
 - An increase in planning fees by 35% for major applications and by 25% for all other applications.
 - Additional fees for bespoke or ‘fast track’ services.
 - Making an annual inflation-related adjustment to planning fees.
 - Ring-fencing additional fees income for planning services.
- The consultation closes on 25 April.

Permitted Development Rights: Supporting Temporary Recreational Campsites, Renewable Energy and Film-Making Consultation

- DLUHC has opened a [consultation on changes to permitted development rights](#). The proposals include a new right that would allow the temporary use of land for recreational



campsites, as well as changes to existing solar rights, including a new Right to allow the construction of solar canopies on non-domestic car parks. The consultation also proposes changes to existing Rights for film-making and local authority led development.

- The consultation closes on 25 April.

Calendar

April 2023

April 4 – [Historic England Retrofit and Flood Resilience Outliers Webinar](#).

April 10 – Deadline for the submission of evidence to the Defra Recall: Environmental Protection Inquiry.

April 11 – [Historic England: SPAB Fellows Webinar](#).

April 18 – [Historic England: Understanding Carbon Webinar](#).

April 21 – OEP call for evidence on Protected sites for nature in England and Northern Ireland closes.

April 25 – [Historic England: SPAB Scholars Webinar](#).

April 25 – DLUHC consultation on Increasing Planning Fees and Performance closes.

April 25 – DLUHC consultation on Permitted Development Rights: Supporting Temporary Recreational Campsites, Renewable Energy and Film-Making closes.

May 2023

May 25 – DESNZ consultation on [Planning for New Energy Infrastructure: Revisions to National Policy Statements](#) closes.

May 25 – DESNZ consultation on [Community Benefits for Electricity Transmission Network Infrastructure](#) closes.

June 2023

June 6 – [DLUHC consultation on the draft revised National Networks Policy Statement 2023](#) closes.

June 9 – [DLUHC consultation on Environmental Outcome Reports](#) closes.

June 9 – [DLUHC consultation on the Infrastructure Levy](#) closes.



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Appendix I: Progress of Legislation to Date

This appendix contains background information on emerging legislation that has the potential to influence the management and protection of the historic environment. The latest progress for any bills is reported in the main 'Emerging Legislation' section of the newsletter above.

Government Bills

Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill

- The [Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill \(LURB\)](#) makes provisions for a wide range of matters, including aspects of planning, local democracy and devolution, and levelling up measures. Amongst other things, LURB makes provision for:
 - National development management policies, which will sit alongside local development plan policies.
 - A replacement for the Community Infrastructure Levy.
 - Environmental Outcome Reports to replace Environmental Impact Assessments/ Strategic Environmental Assessment.
 - Changes to compulsory purchase and enforcement powers.
 - Powers in relation to planning data.
 - A requirement for local authorities to have design codes for their area.
- The LURB contains five key clauses relating to the historic environment:
 - The duty to have special regard to the preservation or enhancement of heritage assets, and their settings, will apply to a wider range of designated heritage assets (Clause 95, previously 92);
 - It introduces Temporary Stop Notices for listed building works, increasing enforcement powers (Clause 96, previously 93);
 - New powers to enable Urgent Works Notices to be served on occupied buildings and any costs to be entered as a land charge (Clause 97, previously 94);
 - It removes the requirement for local authorities to provide compensation when they serve a Building Preservation Notice on a historic building under threat of damage whilst it is considered for listing (Clause 98, previously 95);



- A statutory underpinning for Historic Environment Records, to facilitate a strong evidence base for the new planning system (Clause 212, previously 185).
- A series of [publications related to the LURB](#) are available. These include a Policy Paper, explanatory notes and research briefings.
- The LURB has passed through the House of Commons and the amended Bill is currently passing through the House of Lords, undergoing detailed scrutiny at Committee stage.

Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill

- Introduced to the House of Commons in September 2022, the [Retained EU Law \(REUL\) \(Revocation and Reform\) Bill](#) will revoke certain retained EU law the end of 2023. It would not apply to retained EU law that was domestic primary legislation. Any retained EU law that still applied after the end of 2023 would be renamed as assimilated law. The Bill would give ministers and devolved authorities powers to restate, reproduce, revoke, replace, or update, retained EU law and assimilated law by statutory instrument. [Publications related to the REUL Bill](#) include three briefing papers and three explanatory notes.
- The Bill has already passed through the House of Commons and is progressing through the House of Lords, where it is at Committee stage.

UK Infrastructure Bank Bill 2022-23

- The UK Infrastructure Bank provides finance to the private sector and local government for infrastructure projects. Its strategic aims are to help address climate change and to support regional and local economic growth. The [UK Infrastructure Bank Bill](#) would put these strategic objectives on a statutory footing. A series of [publications relating to the UK Infrastructure Bill](#) are available, the latest, being published on 6 February.
- The Bill has passed through the House of Lords and was introduced to the House of Commons on 12 July 2022.

The Energy Bill

- [The Energy Bill](#) was introduced through the House of Lords, where it remains in passage. The aim of the Bill is to increase resilience and reliability of energy systems across the UK, support the delivery of the UK's climate change commitments and reform the UK's energy system while minimising costs to consumers and protecting them from unfair pricing. The Energy Bill has three key drivers:
 - Leveraging investment in clean technologies.
 - Reforming the UK's energy system and protecting consumers.
 - Maintaining the safety, security and resilience of the energy systems across the UK.



- [Briefings for the Energy Bill](#) were published on 14 July and 9 December 2022.
- Committee stage for [the Energy Bill](#) ended on 16 January.

High Speed Rail (Crewe to Manchester) Bill

- The [High Speed Rail \(Crewe to Manchester\) Bill](#) has been introduced to make provision for a railway between a junction with Phase 2a of High Speed 2 south of Crewe in Cheshire and Manchester Piccadilly Station; for a railway between Hoo Green in Cheshire; and a junction with the West Coast Main Line at Bamfurlong, south of Wigan.
- The Bill received its First reading in the House of Commons on 11 May. On 16 June a High-Speed Rail (Crewe to Manchester) Bill Research Briefing was published to inform the Bill's Second reading on 20 June 2022. Following its Second reading, a petitioning period was started. This allowed individuals, groups and organisations 'directly and specially' affected by the Bill to submit a petition against the Bill.
- Between 6 July and 1 September 2022, the Supplementary Environmental Statement 1 (SES1) and the Additional Provision 1 Environmental Statement (AP1 ES) for the proposed High Speed Two (HS2) railway between Crewe and Manchester was open to public consultation. The findings of the HS2 Environmental Statement consultation were reported on 26 October 2022. It includes comments on the value of a historic canal corridor and potential effects to it.
- On 13 December 2022, the House of Commons agreed a motion to appoint Members to the [High-Speed Rail \(Crewe to Manchester\) Bill Select Committee](#) who will commence work considering petitions against the Bill. A date for the Committee stage has yet to be announced.

Private Member's Bills

Green Belt (Protection) Bill

- The [Green Belt \(Protection\) Bill \(GBPB\)](#) seeks to establish a national register of Green Belt land in England. The Bill would also restrict the ability of local authorities to de-designate Green Belt land and make provision about future development of de-designated Green Belt land.
- The GBPB is currently passing through the House of Commons, where it was introduced in the 2021-2022 session of Parliament.

Private Burial Grounds and Cemeteries Bill

- The [Private Burial Grounds and Cemeteries Bill](#) aims to make provision for the regulation of private burial grounds and cemeteries. It was introduced to the House of Lords on 15 June 2022. The Second reading (i.e. general debate on all aspects of the Bill) is yet to be scheduled.



Ecology Bill

- The [Ecology Bill](#) (previously the [Climate and Ecology Bill](#)) was introduced through the House of Lords in the 2021-22 parliamentary session. The Bill would impose a duty on the government to achieve defined nature targets, to halt and reverse the UK's overall contribution to the degradation and loss of nature. A [Library Briefing for the Climate and Ecology Bill](#) was published by the House of Lords Library on 11 July 2022. The Bill underwent Committee Stage in November 2022, and Report Stage in January this year; no changes were made.

Carbon Emissions (Buildings) Bill

- The [Carbon Emissions Bill \(CEB\)](#) proposes that the whole-life carbon emissions of buildings be reported with a buildings application and that limits are set on embodied carbon emissions in the construction of buildings.
- The CEB was introduced in the House of Commons in February 2022 and had its Second reading on 25 November 2022. It was scheduled to be debated again on 24 February, but this has been delayed.

Private Bills

Bishop's Stortford Cemetery Bill

- The [Bishop's Stortford Cemetery Bill](#) aims to confer powers upon Bishop's Stortford Town Council to extinguish rights of burial, and allow the disturbance of human remains in Bishop Stortford's New Cemetery and Old Cemetery in order to increase space for interments. The Bill, which includes explanatory notes at its start, was introduced to the House of Lords on 23 January. From 24 January to 6 February the Bill was open to petition by those "specially and directly affected" by it.



Appendix II: Historic England Planning Advice

Good Practice Advice Notes (GPAs)

The GPAs provide information on good practice, particularly looking at the principles of how national policy and guidance can be applied. They are the result of collaborative working with the heritage and property sectors in the Historic Environment Forum, and have been prepared following public consultation:

- [GPA1: The Historic Environment in Local Plans \(March 2015\)](#)
- [GPA2: Managing Significance in Decision-Taking in the Historic Environment \(March 2015\)](#)
- [GPA3: The Setting of Heritage Assets \(December 2017\)](#)
- [GPA4: Enabling Development and Heritage Assets \(June 2020\)](#)

Historic England Advice Notes (HEANs)

The HEANs include detailed, practical advice on how to implement national planning policy and guidance. They have been prepared by Historic England following public consultation:

- [HEAN 1: Conservation Areas: Designation, Appraisal and Review \(Second Edition\) \(February 2019\)](#)
- [HEAN 2: Making Changes to Heritage Assets \(February 2016\)](#)
- [HEAN 3: The Historic Environment and Site Allocations in Local Plans \(October 2015\)](#)
- [HEAN 4: Tall Buildings \(Second Edition\) \(March 2022\)](#)
- [HEAN 5: Setting up a Listed Building Heritage Partnership Agreement \(November 2015\)](#)
- [HEAN 6: Drawing up a Local Listed Building Consent Order \(November 2015\)](#)
- [HEAN 7: Local Heritage Listing \(Second edition\) \(January 2021\)](#)
- [HEAN 8: Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment \(December 2016\)](#)
- [HEAN 9: The Adaptive Reuse of Traditional Farm Buildings \(October 2017\)](#)
- [HEAN 10: Listed Buildings and Curtilage \(February 2018\)](#)



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- [HEAN 11: Neighbourhood Planning and the Historic Environment \(Second Edition\) \(April 2022\)](#)
- [HEAN 12: Statements of Heritage Significance \(October 2019\)](#)
- [HEAN 13: Minerals Extraction and Archaeology \(January 2020\)](#)
- [HEAN 14: Energy Efficiency and Traditional Homes \(June 2020\)](#)
- [HEAN 15: Commercial Renewable Energy Development and the Historic Environment \(February 2021\)](#)
- [HEAN 16: Listed Building Consent \(June 2021\)](#)
- [HEAN 17: Planning and Archaeology \(November 2022\)](#)