

I object to the inclusion of the clauses listed below:

Clause 2: Amendment of the general functions of the Department of the Environment and the Planning Appeals Commission, to include "promoting economic development" in addition to the existing duties of "furthering sustainable development" and "promoting or improving well-being";

Clause 6: Amending the issues to be taken into account (i.e. the "material considerations") when determining planning applications by ensuring that this should now include the "economic advantages or disadvantages likely to result from the granting of or, as the case may be, the refusal of planning permission".

Clause 10: Public inquiries: major planning applications allows the appointment of people other than the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) to oversee planning inquiries.

Clause 20: Fixed Penalties, allowing the Department of the Environment to issue a fixed penalty notice for the offences of failing to comply with an enforcement action.

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