



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Dilapidation Bill

Marshalled List of Amendments
Consideration Stage

Tuesday 16 June 2026

Amendments tabled up to 9.30am Wednesday, 10 June 2026 and selected for debate

The Bill will be considered in the following order—

Clauses, Schedules and Long Title

Amendment 1

Clause 2, Page 2, Line 2

Leave out ‘adversely affecting’ and insert ‘being detrimental to’

Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Amendment 2

Clause 4, Page 2, Line 41

At end insert ‘or relating to it being a heritage site’

Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Amendment 3

Clause 7, Page 4, Line 28

At end insert ‘or relating to it being a heritage site’

Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Amendment 4

Clause 11, Page 7, Line 4

Leave out ‘in a defective state,’ and insert ‘in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance,’

Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Amendment 5

Clause 11, Page 7, Line 5

Leave out ‘the defective state’ and insert ‘the state’

Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Amendment 6

Clause 11, Page 7, Line 10

Leave out from ‘and’ to end of line 11

Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Amendment 7

Clause 11, Page 7, Line 12

Leave out ‘(a “defective premises notice”)’ and insert ‘an (“urgent abatement notice”)’

Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Amendment 8

Clause 11, Page 7, Line 13

Leave out ‘defective state’ and insert ‘state’

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Amendment 9

Clause 11, Page 7, Line 15

Leave out ‘A defective premises notice’ and insert ‘An urgent abatement notice’

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Amendment 10

Clause 11, Page 7, Line 16

Leave out ‘defective state’ and insert ‘state’

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Amendment 11

Clause 11, Page 7, Line 18

Leave out ‘ a defective state’ and insert ‘such a state’

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Amendment 12

Clause 11, Page 7, Line 21

Leave out ‘a defective premises notice’ and insert ‘an urgent abatement notice’

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Amendment 13

Clause 11, Page 7, Line 22

Leave out ‘defective state’ and insert ‘state’

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Amendment 14

Clause 11, Page 7, Line 24

Leave out ‘a defective premises notice’ and insert ‘an urgent abatement notice’

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Amendment 15

Clause 11, Page 7, Line 26

Leave out ‘defective premises notice’ and insert ‘urgent abatement notice’

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Amendment 16

Clause 11, Page 7, Line 34

Leave out ‘defective premises notice’ and insert ‘urgent abatement notice’

Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Amendment 17

Clause 11, Page 7, Line 38

Leave out ‘in a defective state’ and insert ‘in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance’

Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Amendment 18

Clause 11, Page 7, Line 40

Leave out ‘defective state’ and insert ‘state’

Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Amendment 19

Clause 12, Page 8, Line 18

Leave out subsection (4) and insert—

‘(4) Where the steps taken by a council under section 10(2) consist of or include—

- (a) fencing off the building, or
- (b) arranging for it to be watched,

the costs that may be recovered under subsection (1) include the costs that the council incurs in the fencing or in the making of the arrangements.

(4A) But subsection (4) does not permit the recovery of costs relating to any period—

- (a) after the danger has been removed by the steps taken by the council (unless it is the fencing or the arrangements that remove the danger), or

(b) if an order has been made under section 7 for the purpose of removing the danger, after the order has been complied with or has been executed under section 9(2).'

Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Amendment 20

Clause 12, Page 8, Line 30

Leave out '(defective premises notice)' and insert '(urgent abatement notice)'

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Amendment 21

Clause 12, Page 8, Line 35

Leave out 'defective premises notice' and insert 'urgent abatement notice'

Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Amendment 22

Clause 16, Page 10, Line 19

Leave out subsections (1) and (2) and insert—

'(1) Subject to subsection (2), a district council may serve on any person a notice requiring the person to give to the council, within a period or at times specified in the notice and in a form so specified, any information so specified which the council reasonably considers that it needs for the purposes of any function conferred on the council by this Act.

(2) The Department may by regulations make provision for restricting the information that may be required under subsection (1) and for determining the form in which the information is to be so required.'

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Amendment 23

Clause 17, Page 11, Line 12

At beginning insert 'For the purposes of this Act,'

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Amendment 24

Clause 17, Page 11, Line 23

At beginning insert ‘For the purposes of this Act,’

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Amendment 25

Clause 18, Page 12, Line 3

Leave out subsection (2) and insert—

‘(2) The power under this section (except in an emergency) is exercisable only—

- (a) with the consent of the occupier, or
- (b) in accordance with subsection (3A).’

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Amendment 26

Clause 18, Page 12, Line 11

At end insert—

‘(3A) If it is shown to the satisfaction of a lay magistrate on complaint on oath—

- (a) that there are reasonable grounds for entering any land for any of the purposes mentioned in subsection (1)(a) to (e), and
- (b) that admission to the land has been refused, or a refusal is reasonably apprehended,

the lay magistrate may issue a warrant authorising an authorised officer of a district council to enter the land (if need be by force).

(3B) For the purposes of subsection (3A)(b), admission to land shall be regarded as having been refused if no reply is received to a request for admission within a reasonable period.

(3C) A warrant authorises entry on one occasion only and that entry must be—

- (a) within one month from the date of the issue of the warrant, and
- (b) at a reasonable time.’

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Amendment 27

Clause 19, Page 12, Line 34

At beginning insert ‘Subject to subsection (2A),’

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Amendment 28

Clause 19, Page 12, Line 36

At end insert—

‘(2A) Payment of a fixed penalty in relation to an offence under section 3(2) discharges liability for conviction in respect of failure to comply with a maintenance notice up to the date of payment of the fixed penalty (but if the person continues to fail to comply with the maintenance notice after having paid the fixed penalty, does not affect any criminal liability for continuing failure to comply with the maintenance notice after that date).’

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Amendment 29

Clause 21, Page 13, Line 29

After ‘under’ insert ‘the same provision of this Act or under’

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Amendment 30

Clause 25, Page 15, Line 25

Leave out ‘(defective premises notice)’ and insert ‘(urgent abatement notice)’

Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Amendment 31

Clause 25, Page 15, Line 31

At end insert—

‘(6) “District electoral area” has the meaning given in the District Electoral Areas (Northern Ireland) Order 2014.’

Mr Daniel McCrossan

Mr Colin McGrath

Amendment 32

New Clause

After clause 28 insert—

‘Review of Act

28A—(1) The Department must—

(a) not later than 3 years after the commencement of this section, and
(b) at least once in every 5 year period thereafter,
review, and publish a report on, the implementation of this Act,

(2) Regulations made by the Department under this section must set out the terms of the review.’

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Amendment 33

New Clause

After clause 28 insert—

‘Periodic review of dilapidated buildings, dangerous structures and neglected sites

28A.—(1) The Department must appoint such person or body as it considers appropriate to conduct a review of the prevalence of—

- (a) dilapidated buildings;
- (b) dangerous structures; and
- (c) neglected sites,

in Northern Ireland, broken down by district council.

(2) Regulations made by the Department under this section must set out the terms of the review.

(3) The Department must ensure that—

- (a) the first review under this section is completed within 3 years and before the commencement of the first review of the Act under Section 28A, *[inserted by Amendment 32]*
- (b) following the completion of the first review under this section, the Department must carry out subsequent reviews at intervals of no more than 10 years.

(4) As soon as reasonably practicable after completing a review under this section, the Department must—

- (a) prepare a report setting out the findings of the review; and
- (b) lay a copy of that report before the Assembly.’

Mr Daniel McCrossan

Mr Colin McGrath

Amendment 34

New Clause

After clause 28 insert—

‘Accessible register of action taken under this Act

28A.—(1) A district council must establish, maintain and publish in a manner that is accessible to the public, a register of action taken under this Act.

(2) The register must include—

- (a) details on any notices, orders, or enforcement action taken under this Act;
- (b) the district electoral area of each entry on the register;
- (c) a description of the condition giving rise to inclusion on the register;
- (d) the date of inclusion on the register; and
- (e) updates relating to remediation, compliance or removal from the register.

(3) Nothing in subsection (2) precludes a district council from including such other matters as it may deem necessary on the register.

(4) The Department may by regulations—

- (a) prescribe additional information to be included on the register;
- (b) specify reporting requirements for district councils; and
- (c) make further provision for the publication, maintenance and review of the register.’

Mr Daniel McCrossan

Mr Colin McGrath

Amendment 35

Clause 30, Page 16, Line 34

After ‘sections’ insert ‘28A,’ [*inserted by Amendment 33*]

Mr Daniel McCrossan

Mr Colin McGrath

Amendment 36

Schedule 1, Page 19, Line 4

At beginning insert ‘Subject to section 19(2A),’

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