

# Telecommunications Infrastructure (Relief from Non-Domestic Rates) Bill

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LIST OF AMENDMENTS  
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*[Amendments marked ★ are new or have been altered]*

Amendment  
No.

Clause 1

BARONESS PINNOCK

- 1★ Page 1, line 14, at end insert –  
“(aa) the hereditament is wholly or mainly located within a local authority area where the average broadband speed is 10Mbps or less, and”
- LORD KENNEDY OF SOUTHWARK
- 2 Page 1, line 16, at end insert –  
“(4FA) Conditions prescribed by the appropriate national authority by regulations under subsection (4F)(b) must include the condition that new fibre is part of the hereditament under subsection (4F)(a).”
- 3 Page 1, line 16, at end insert –  
“(4FB) For the purposes of subsection (4FA) “new fibre” means fibre that was not laid, flown, affixed or attached before 1 April 2017 and its laying, flying, affixing or attaching is not solely effected to gain the relief herein.”
- 4 Page 1, line 16, at end insert –  
“(4FC) Providers of telecommunications benefiting from the relief under subsections (4E) and (4F) must give due consideration to providing high quality telecommunications services to rural and hard to reach areas.”

**Clause 2**

BARONESS PINNOCK

- 5★ Page 3, line 6, at end insert –  
“(aa) the hereditament is wholly or mainly located within a local authority area where the average broadband speed is 10Mbps or less, and”

LORD KENNEDY OF SOUTHWARK

- 6 Page 3, line 8, at end insert –  
“(4CA) Conditions prescribed by the appropriate national authority by regulations under subsection (4C)(b) must include the condition that new fibre is part of the hereditament under subsection (4C)(a).”

- 7 Page 3, line 21, at end insert –  
“(4EA) For the purpose of subsection (4CA) “new fibre” means fibre that was not laid, flown, affixed or attached before 1 April 2017 and its laying, flying, affixing or attaching is not solely effected to gain the relief herein.”

- 8 Page 3, line 21, at end insert –  
“(4EB) Providers of telecommunications benefiting from the relief under subsections (4C) and (4D) must give due consideration to providing high quality telecommunications services to rural and hard to reach areas.”

**Clause 3**

LORD KENNEDY OF SOUTHWARK

- 9 Page 4, line 6, at end insert –  
“(c) the new infrastructure that the relief is to be claimed on does not replicate existing telecommunications infrastructure.”

- 10 Page 4, line 6, at end insert –  
“(2A) Conditions prescribed by the appropriate national authority by regulations under subsection (1)(c) must include the condition that new fibre is part of the hereditament under subsection (2).”

BARONESS PINNOCK

- 11★ Page 4, line 6, at end insert –  
“(2A) The relief in this section applies only if the hereditament is wholly or mainly located within a local authority area where the average broadband speed is 10Mbps or less.”

**Clause 3 - continued**

LORD KENNEDY OF SOUTHWARK

**12** Page 4, line 16, at end insert –

“(3A) In this section “new fibre” means fibre that was not laid, flown, affixed or attached before 1 April 2017 and its laying, flying, affixing or attaching is not solely effected to gain the relief herein.”

**13** Page 4, line 16, at end insert –

“(3B) Providers of telecommunications benefiting from the relief under subsections (1) to (3) must give due consideration to providing high quality telecommunications services to rural and hard to reach areas.”

**After Clause 3**LORD KENNEDY OF SOUTHWARK  
BARONESS PINNOCK**14** Insert the following new Clause –**“Assessment of rate relief: reporting**

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which this Act has effect, lay a report before both Houses of Parliament containing an assessment of the operation of the relief provided under this Act in the 2017-18 financial year.
- (2) The report must include an account of –
  - (a) the impact of the relief upon the level of local authority income raised through non-domestic rating;
  - (b) the level of investment likely to have been stimulated by the relief, and the scope for extending the relief to other forms of investment;
  - (c) whether the duration of the relief is appropriate;
  - (d) the views of those subject to the charges of non-domestic rates on the relief; and
  - (e) the efficacy of the mechanism for the distribution of the relief.”

BARONESS PINNOCK

**15★** Insert the following new Clause –**“Report on the impact of this Act on connectivity in rural areas of the United Kingdom**

- (1) Within the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a report on the impact of this Act on connectivity in rural areas of the United Kingdom.
- (2) The report must make reference to the following areas –
  - (a) the number of households and business premises in rural areas connected to the internet using Fibre-to-the-Premises (FTTP) broadband due to the relief provided by this Act; and
  - (c) an assessment of the impact of this Act on the quality of mobile phone service in rural areas.”

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