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EDM 468: SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

**David Drew
Colin Challen
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That this House takes note of the Sustainable Communities Bill introduced into the House in the last session and supported by 363 hon. Members and now adopted as a Ballot Bill by the hon. Member for Ruislip-Northwood; welcomes the cross-party approach being adopted by him, especially his decision that his list of sponsors should reflect the balance of hon. Members in the House by including seven Labour hon. Members, four Conservative hon. Members and one Liberal Democrat hon. Member; notes that the Bill requires the Secretary of State, in conjunction with local authorities and local communities, to draw up and implement an action plan to promote local services and local economic activity and measures for protecting the environment, social justice and greater political involvement; notes that the Bill specifically enables councils and communities to influence Government policy and actions on these issues and on the spending of monies allocated for local issues; notes too that the mechanisms in the Bill are in accord with the idea of community empowerment espoused by many hon. Members and Ministers including the Prime Minister; and therefore calls on the Government to support the Bill so that it can become law in this session.

EDM No. 471: LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITIES: ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY BILL

**Martin Caton
Elliot Morley
Tim Yeo
Gregory Barker
Colin Challen
David Howarth**

That this House believes that climate change is a major issue facing the planet and agrees with the recent Stern Review that urgent action is required to reduce carbon emissions; and notes with concern that a number of Local Authorities have been prevented from specifying higher energy efficiency standards in their Local Development Plans thereby undermining their efforts to set high sustainability standards; and therefore welcomes the adoption with cross-party support by the Hon. Member for Gower of the Local Planning Authorities: Energy and Energy Efficiency Bill in the Private Members' Ballot, which would allow councils to include energy efficiency standards higher than current Building Regulations and sustainable energy and microgeneration provisions in their local development plans, and also require them to consider whether to specify conditions relating to energy efficiency, sustainable energy and microgeneration when granting planning permission and further hopes that the proposed new Climate Change Planning Policy Statement due to be published next year by DCLG will also indicate support for this as a first step.

Name.....MP

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