## **Sustainable Communities - EDM 641**

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That this House welcomes the Sustainable Communities Bill introduced into the House before the General Election and supported by over 200 honourable Members; notes that the bill requires the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Afairs and the National Assembly for Wales, in conjunction with local authorities and local communities, to draw up and implement strategies to promote local services and local economic activity and measures for protecting the environment, social justice and greater political involvement; further notes that the bill specifically enables councils and communities significantly to influence Government policy and actions on these issues; further notes too that this philosophy is in accord with the idea of localism being espoused by many honourable Members; and therefore hopes that the bill will be re-introduced in this Parliament.

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