Dear Maureen Watt

I recently contacted Elaine Murray MSP regarding the new regulations that came into force in England on the 4 Feb. 2014 which laid down certain rules that could not be used on mobile park home sites, please find a copy of the park rules that cannot be used enclosed.

Elaine sent me a copy of "Part Five – Mobile Home Sites With Permanent Residents" which is contained in the Scottish Governments Housing Bill, she also advised me to contact you directly.

Unfortunately after reading the above Part Five section it appears that park home residents in Scotland will not have the same protection from unscrupulous park owners therefore is it possible at this stage to submit to the "Infrastructure and Investment Committee" a provision to include a similar set of regulations that have been adopted in England and will shortly be in force in Wales.

While Part Five of the Housing Bill goes a long way in protecting park home residents from rogue park owners I hope the Scottish Government will be able to formulate a set of park rules that will be able to protect all Scottish park home residents, if there are any Park Rules already formulated or suggested, any information you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

Yours Sincerely

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STOP PRESS NEWS from 09/11/2012

13th January 2014

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PARK HOME RESIDENTS

Mobile Homes Site Rules Regulations. The Mobile Homes (Site rules) (England) Regulations 2014 (SI 2014/5) was published today (13/1/14) and comes into force on 4 February 2014. The SI can also be downloaded from:


Please note that regulation 18 requires changes to be made to the 2011 written statement regulations.

9th January 2014

Proposed Changes to Park Home Rules in England

The Department for Communities & Local Government has recently issued a discussion paper on proposed regulations governing future park home rules following the passing of the Mobile Homes Act 2013. The paper outlined 14 specific matters which in future may NOT be included in park rules as follows:

1. A rule requiring a resident to sell the home to the site owner.
2. Rules requiring a resident to market the home for sale through the park owner.
3. Rules preventing a resident marketing the home through an estate agent.
4. Rules preventing a resident from assisting a solicitor to enter a property in a sale transaction.
5. Rules preventing the display of a 'For Sale' advertising board on the pitch.
6. Rules preventing sales posters being displayed on the inside of a window.

Alan Huyton
18 February 2014
In addition, the paper also discusses how long parks should be allowed to make replacement rules after the regulations come into force, whether residents should have a right to receive a copy of the consultation responses made to the park free of charge and whether discretionary rules that apply to certain classes of person should be banned immediately the regulations come into force.

It is anticipated that the regulations will be laid before the year end (2014), allowing parks a maximum of 12 months to draft any replacement rules, consult with residents and deposit rules with the Local Authority.

5th December 2013

Petition for the Abolition of Commission on the sale of park homes in Wales

In Wales, I believe that you only need 10 people to present a petition and our friends across the border have just presented their petition (which is set out below) to the Assembly.

THE PROBLEM OF COMMISSION ON THE PRIVATE SALE OF PARK HOMES

This is presented by Bob Mountford, Chairman of Common Park Residents' Association which is a qualified Association and represents over 100 homes.

Common Park

Bridgend

Proveys

1.02 pm

We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to amend the Welsh Government's proposals for the future of the park home industry to remove the Commission on the Private Sale of Park Homes in its entirety.

I am informed that the petition has been presented and that it will be discussed at a meeting of the Welsh Assembly on the 18th December 2014 and can be viewed live online at 9:00pm on the Welsh Government website and I am sure that every member of our Justice Campaign will stick them well.

Our friends in Wales have also added us to their 19% Commission Charge Petition which has certainly gathered momentum and has now been signed by many thousands of park homes.

Alan Huyton

18 February 2014