Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Bill

Written submission to the Infrastructure and Capital investment Committee

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The proposals contained in the Private Housing (Tenancies) Bill aimed at improving security of tenure for tenants could have a negative impact on communities which are having to cope with the anti-social tenants of a private let. If the Bill as it stands were to become law, it would be harder for landlords to end the tenancy agreement of tenants who have caused misery to their neighbours through their anti-social behaviour, a situation which is far too prevalent in many communities. The rights of decent, law-abiding citizens within our communities must be acknowledged, and consequently any measures which restrict the abilities of landlords to end the tenancy agreement of anti-social tenants is unwelcome.

I would urge the Scottish Government to revise their plans, thereby enabling landlords to remove tenants on the grounds of anti-social behaviour without having to apply to a tribunal.

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