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Dear Shona,

### **Mobile Homes**

Our predecessor committee undertook a short inquiry towards the end of Session 5 seeking to examine the effectiveness of the current licensing system for static mobile homes parks and how well it protects permanent residents of such sites. This followed receipt of a letter from Alexander Burnett MSP highlighting various concerns in respect of the current system.<sup>1</sup>

The Session 5 Committee was unable to complete its work on this topic due to the 2021 Scottish Parliament elections but in its legacy report<sup>2</sup>, urged us as its successor committee, to “take forward scrutiny of licensing of static mobile home sites with permanent residents as one of its early priorities.”

As part of its inquiry, the Session 5 Committee issued a targeted call for views in response to which 81 responses were received. These responses highlighted several concerns in respect of the licensing system, consumer rights and other issues. Links to the responses along with a summary of issues produced by SPICe are available on the Session 5 Committee’s website.<sup>3</sup>

The Committee is keen to give further scrutiny to this topic and, in order to inform this work, would welcome an update on progress with the Scottish Government’s planned review of the current licensing system along with expected timescales for its conclusion.

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<sup>1</sup> [External Letter \(parliament.scot\)](https://www.parliament.scot/external-letter)

<sup>2</sup> [Local Government and Communities Committee Session 5 Legacy Report \(azureedge.net\)](https://www.azureedge.net)

<sup>3</sup> [Licensing of Static Mobile Homes with permanent residents - Parliamentary Business : Scottish Parliament](#)

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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