

NAME
ADDRESS
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Dear (Name of your Member of Parliament)

The Rental Reform White Paper

I would like to express my concerns about aspects of the Government's Rental Reform White Paper which I should be grateful if you could raise with Minister.

[Add details about your personal experience as a landlord and your thoughts about the proposed reforms and/or explain how they would impact you e.g. I am a landlord who rents to students and/I am worried about anti-social tenants and].

As a responsible landlord *living/renting property* in your constituency I am asking you to particularly consider the following points and take the necessary steps to address the issues I have outlined as follows:

[Key points that you could raise with your MP]

- *The Government needs to stop its anti-private landlord rhetoric. Ask your MP whether they agree with the hostile language that has been directed at landlords like yourself by Michael Gove. Emphasise that such rhetoric fuels a lack of confidence among responsible landlords like yourself, and will further worsen housing supply issues, which is in no one's interest.*
- *Highlight how, as a responsible landlord, under the prospective plans you would be left powerless in tackling anti-social tenants. Where you have experience of anti-social tenants, explain what it was like. Ask whether your MP will press Ministers to go beyond the very vague commitments outlined in the White Paper. Propose that they should support efforts to ensure that local authorities and the police have the necessary powers and resources to act swiftly against anti-social tenants.*
- *If you are a student landlord, call attention to the impact the potential legislation is going to have on the student housing market. Ask your MP if they are aware of the consequences indefinite tenancies will have on both students and landlords. Suggest that they should support an exemption for student properties like the one that is given to purpose built student accommodation.*
- *Express your concern about the limited financial support those on benefits are receiving and explain how this affects you as a landlord. Ask your MP if they will press the relevant minister to unfreeze the Local Housing Allowance.*
- *State that the White Paper fails to address a more fundamental question namely how we address shortage of rented housing in England. Will you review the tax and regulatory environment to encourage landlords to stay in the market long-term?*

In summary I feel strongly that some of the current proposals are simply impractical and potentially destructive for the private rental sector. I urge you to support responsible landlords, like myself, and recognise the critical contribution I and many others make to the rental market in our constituency.

I would be grateful if you could raise my concerns with the Housing Secretary, Michael Gove.

I look forward to receiving a positive response.

Yours sincerely

[Insert Name]