

# Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

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Dear Mrs Daly, Mr Honeyman, Mr Jenkinson and Mr Tutte,

## Re: Leasehold Reform

Thank you for all for responding to my letters, which were sent following the Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee's evidence session on 19 November 2018 relating to our inquiry into Leasehold Reform. Your responses will help to inform the Committee's final report into Leasehold Reform, which we hope to publish in March 2019.

Several leaseholders have since written to the Committee in response to the oral evidence you provided to the Committee on 19 November and/or your subsequent correspondence. I am therefore writing to you now to provide you with the opportunity to reflect on and add to your evidence as you see fit in light of these additional representations, which we have published on our website and are provided with this letter.<sup>1</sup>

In addition, we noted that none of your responses provided a clear answer to our request for an estimate of how many leasehold homes built by your companies have ground rent terms in excess of 0.1% of the property value. I am surprised you do not hold a list of properties your companies have sold, their sale price and the ground rent that was set. Notwithstanding the questions as to whether 0.1% was a fair measure or not of an 'onerous' ground rent, the Committee was simply seeking information on the numbers of properties that fall into that category. I would be grateful if you could look again for this information.

Further, we would also be grateful if you could also provide us with a list of the permission fees that your companies include in leases. We would also like to know the year from which each of these fees were first included in your leases. We have been concerned by reports of high and unnecessary permission fees, including for re-mortgaging, keeping a pet and – even – changing a doorbell. It would be helpful to our inquiry to understand the prevalence and typical size of such fees, as well as when they become commonplace.

We would be grateful if you could respond to this letter by 28 February 2019, to ensure your responses can be taken into account in the Committee's final report.



**Clive Betts MP**  
**Chair, Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee**

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<sup>1</sup> [LHR 698](#), [LHR 699](#), [LHR 700](#), [LHR 701](#), [LHR 702](#)