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Ymgynghoriad ar ail gartrefi
Consultation on second homes
Ymateb gan: Unigolyn di-enw
Response from: Anonymous individual

Good evening,

Not sure if I'm doing this right, or whether what I write below is even relevant, but I thought I'd email you regardless.

I don't live in Wales, but I've spent the last 6 years trying to buy a house in Wales, to become my first and hopefully forever house.

I'm 31 years old, and it's long been my dream to move to Wales, and purchase a small currently derelict/dilapidated farmhouse with some barns, that's been sat empty for years, so that I'm not taking a house away from a local.

Sadly, due to the world and their wife wanting to buy every damn house as their holiday house, any that are on the market I never get the chance to buy, because there is always so much competition and they are all cash buyers and because I need a mortgage I never get a look in. As a result I have tried to buy many houses that are not on the market but are sat long empty some owners would sell to me but there have been other issues that have arisen but a lot won't because I'm English, and the last few years this has been getting worse and worse, I've had a lot of angry phonecalls from extremely rude and racist Welshman's when I've written them a letter expressing an interest in their empty derelict property.

Also because of this, they have driven the price so high that I might as well forget about Wales now as I can no longer afford to move there, or anywhere else rural for that matter, but I don't see why I should have to live somewhere I don't want to all because Maureen wants a holiday house to visit for 3 weeks a year.

There was a perfect house I tried to buy 2 years ago that was on the market, it was being sold in 3 lots, I was only one going for the house, and in the end I think the vendor took issue with me being English as the estate agent deliberately messed me around, ignored emails, didn't submit my offer etc, and in the end it was sold as one lot for £90k less. 2 years on the house sits empty falling into further dereliction (and despite being listed grade 2*) with holes in the roof etc. I have spoken with the new owner who once again would seemingly rather watch the house fall down than sell it to an Englishman, despite knowing how desperate I am to find a house and how much it would mean to me to finally find a house and put an end to this nightmare. I've suffered from extreme stress and now anxiety as a result of not being able to buy a house, especially now as I'm losing my house and business later in the new year

because my landlord is selling up for development and there is no where local to relocate to, so I need a house more than ever now.

I also wish to learn Welsh and be a member of the community, but no one is willing to give me the opportunity, most would rather leave the house to fall down than sell to an Englishman, and it's so sad that we are all tarred with the same brush, and as a result I'm being denied the future I want and desperately need!

I won't let anti English feelings stop me from moving to Wales, but something needs to be done. There should be a law that anybody who is buying it to be their main residence especially a first time buyer gets priority over anybody who wants it as a second house and the same with locals they get priority as well and then if neither of us to want to buy it then by all means but everyone who wants it as a holiday home can buy it, although this will never happen as the people wanting it as a holiday house have much deeper pockets than us.

Perhaps aswell, something should be done to encourage more owners of empty houses to sell them or rent them out rather than leaving them to fall down, Ceredigion is littered with abandoned farmhouses!

Sorry if any of this sounded rude, I'm just so frustrated with the whole situation, I must have wasted about £10k in fuel now doing 500mile round day trips viewing houses for nothing as im never successful, even if I offer way over the asking price.