



Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1457
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Carolyn Thomas MS (AM)
Chair - Petitions committee

24 October 2024

Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter of 5 September regarding Petition P-06-1457 on re-introducing the Right to Buy scheme.

As of 30 June 2024, 11,301 individuals were in temporary accommodation, a 4% increase from 30 June 2023. Consequently, the demand for social housing remains very high, not least due to the volume of the social housing stock that was lost during the period the Right to Buy was in force in Wales. Therefore, the current position remains that there are no plans to reintroduce the Right to Buy in Wales, as we want to ensure a sufficient stock of social housing remains available for those people that need it.

The voluntary sale of a home by a social landlord is not prevented and tenants would need to discuss this further with their landlord. However, due to the shortage of social rented properties and the need to ensure that there is a sufficient supply for those who need them, landlords might be unwilling to sell. There may be exceptions to this if, for example, the property was deemed surplus to requirements and its sale met a strategic business need, or the structure or maintenance of the property made improvements to reach the Welsh Housing Quality Standard (that social landlords must work towards meeting) not viable.

The Welsh Government does provide funding for several home ownership schemes for people who would like to own their own home but need financial assistance to be able to do so. The suite of housing schemes available can be found on the Your Home in Wales website at the following link <https://gov.wales/your-home-in-wales>. Local authorities may also offer their own schemes. Whilst our focus is on increasing social housing in Wales, this suite of housing products remains an important part of the toolkit to ensure people and families have the home that is right for them.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

In situations where tenants of social housing do not wish to move, but are unable to buy their current home, then they will continue to retain the benefit of a secure lifetime tenancy and affordable rents.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jayne Bryant". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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