



**Housing, Communities
and Local Government
Committee**

John Griffiths MS
Chair of the Local Government and Housing Committee
Senedd Cymru
By email

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Dear John,

Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill

I am writing to inform your Committee that the Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee has launched our [pre-legislative scrutiny inquiry](#) into the draft Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill. The Government has requested that we undertake this inquiry to examine the draft Bill before legislation goes through its formal parliamentary stages.

The draft Bill's provisions will extend and apply to England and Wales, and so I would be particularly interested in any work which your Committee has undertaken regarding leasehold reform in Wales. If your Committee wishes to share your views on the draft Bill in response to our [inquiry Terms of Reference](#), we would be very grateful for a written submission.

In addition to our call for written evidence, we are also conducting an [online survey](#) to seek views on the draft Bill from leaseholders and from freehold homeowners who pay private estate charges (sometimes known as 'fleecehold'). The survey closes on 31 March 2026.

I would be very grateful if you would share the details of our inquiry and the online survey with your Committee members, and if you would consider promoting our online survey to affected homeowners where appropriate.

Best wishes,

Florence Eshalomi MP
Chair, Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee