

P-04-519 Abolition of Park Homes Sales Commission - Correspondence from the Petitioner to the Clerking Team, 02.04.14.

Dear Ms. Thomas,

I am forwarding this e.mail to you for Mr. Powells' and the Petition Committee's perusal, I think it may help our case. I presume that our petition will not now be considered until after the 29th April. It would be a sorry state if we lag behind England again as we did on the new Park Home legislation, why should Wales lag behind? Why can't we lead?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards
Sue Richardson
Secretary, Caerwnon Park Residents Association

The Park Home Owners JUSTICE Campaign

Dear Campaign Member

[LATEST UPDATE ON OUR PETITION FOR
A "DEBATE TO REVIEW THE 10% COMMISSION CHARGE"](#)

It's confirmed.

Our Petition is going to Downing Street.

We are rallying in London

and after the rally

*we have again been afforded a Committee Room in the Palace of
Westminster*

for a one and a half hour meeting.

At that meeting residents will hopefully be able to put forward their opinion on

the 10% Commission Charge

and Peers, Ministers, Shadow Ministers and MP's will be invited to attend.

[It does not get better than that and we are on our way again.](#)

Firstly, may I say a big thank you to all members of our Justice Campaign. You have done a brilliant job. Your signed petitions have and still continue to arrive every day and you have also supplied me with the answers and pictorial evidence needed to help build the statistical material that MP's can use to debate our campaign.

Thanks must also go to Lord Graham of Edmonton for his valued support. My excellent MP, Annette Brooke OBE who is bidding weekly for an "Adjournment Debate" to get MP's talking about our campaign and who has agreed to accompany us to Downing Street and has secured a Committee Room in the Palace of Westminster for our meeting. The many other MP's and MEP's who have also offered support and the Advisory Services IPHAS and NAPHR along with the JBS Residents Alliance who have all supported us by informing their members of our petition.

Sadly and although I did not make a lot of it, many of you have contacted me after realising and hearing stories that the Industry have brought pressure to bear in such a way that it could only be seen as an attempt to hinder our campaign's effort to bring our petition to the attention of all the Park Home Residents in our country.

This action, although one that was clearly designed to hinder the democratic right of the park home owner to petition and peacefully protest, has, I believe been done out of fear. It was an effort to prevent our campaign's petition from reaching every park home owner in the residential and holiday sector. Personally, I believe the reason for this can only be:

The Site Owners have and want to continue to enjoy this unearned commission bonus at our expense – and I believe they are rightly concerned that we – the Park Home Owners – are collectively using our voice and that our Justice Campaign will help to bring about the further justice and fairness that is sorely needed in this Industry.

Well, they are right to be concerned because site owners have had it their way for far too long. They take our equity. They benefit from the improvements that we make to our homes. They pocket much of the equity from our homes that is needed if we have to go into care and they receive this unearned bonus every time the home is sold, in-short they make us feel trapped because we can only buy something inferior to what we have if we wish to move on.

However, I can report that their efforts to thwart our campaign have not succeeded because we have done what we set out to do. Literally thousands of park home residents from every part of our country have signed our petition and this is something that cannot be ignored. These signatures will send a very clear message to all Parliamentarians in this run up to the election year and I am pleased to be able to tell you that we are now on the second leg of our journey.

ON WEDNESDAY 2nd JULY 2014 OUR PETITION WILL BE PRESENTED TO DOWNING STREET AT 2.30PM.

A RALLY OF PARK HOME RESIDENTS is being arranged in London on that day and following the Rally and the presentation of the Petition to Downing Street, a Committee Room in the Palace of Westminster has now been booked to allow an important meeting to take place for all those residents who will be attending the rally. The meeting will last for one hour and a half. The agenda will be "our petition for a Debate to Review the 10% Commission Charge" and Ministers, Shadow Ministers and MP's will be invited to attend.

About 200 residents rallied in London with their wonderful banners when we successfully petitioned to stop "Sale Blocking" and I hope that an even larger number of park home residents will attend this rally – because strength in numbers is the only way that we can show those in power that we want them to act and give us a proper Parliamentary Debate to Review this 10% Commission Charge.

The TV, Radio and Press will be informed and I hope that we will get good coverage on the day.

Full details of the days events, times, parking for coaches and directions etc., will be sent to all those who wish to attend the Park Home Owners JUSTICE Campaign Rally on Wednesday 2nd July 2014.

I appreciate that before deciding if you can attend you will want to know the time that you need to assemble in London. The assembly point will be in a designated area at 12.30pm. This will most probably be "Old Palace Yard" near the green in front of the Palace of Westminster where we will rally with our banners for approximately one hour and hopefully gain TV, Radio and Media coverage. There are plenty of wooden benches in this area, so those who wish to sit down may easily do so.

There will be various events during the rally. We will walk (at a steady pace) with our banners to the Downing Street enclosure for the presentation of our petition. Then we will return to the Palace of Westminster, go through airport style security before being directed to the impressive Committee Room for our meeting that will begin at 4pm and end at 5.30pm. This timing should allow us all to get the early evening transport to our respective homes – or go back to our respective coaches or mini buses. I believe that coaches will be able to park on the embankment – but I will check this and add it to the details that will be sent to all those who are attending our Rally.

This is your opportunity to have a memorable and unforgettable day out – but more importantly, your opportunity to come to Westminster and let all Members of Parliament know that you want a "Debate to Review the 10% Commission Charge." In short, this will be something that you can tell to your grandchildren about.

As you will appreciate, there is a lot of organising to do, so may I ask if you would please let me know BY EMAIL as soon as possible if you, or a party from your park will be attending (please give me approximate numbers.) I will then confirm everything with you and send the full details that you will need.

May I also ask if you would please do as you did at our last rally – and bring your own banners. If possible, could you please include the name of your County on your banner as it shows the TV News Reporters and the media that our campaign is one that is supported nationwide.

As a footnote, may I say, we have all worked so hard to get this far and whilst many rallies go to London. Few are given the opportunity to have one and a half hour meetings in the Palace of Westminster with Peers, Ministers and MP's in attendance. However, our Justice Campaign has always handled itself in a respectful and dignified way and the doors have again been opened for us by the people who have the power to change things. So lets make a big effort to get a large number of park home residents to peacefully rally in London and attend this special meeting.

We now have 200% more signatures than we had when we successfully petitioned to stop "Sale Blocking" (which is amazing) and I am going to close the petition on **Sunday 8th June 2014** as all the signed petitions (except for a token box that will be delivered to Downing Street) will have to be delivered to London with the online petition before the 2nd July.

Therefore we have just ten weeks to gather as many petitions as we can. To this end I have attached a Petition Form and would ask you to please give our campaign one last push and use it to gather as many signatures as you can before sending it back to me by Saturday 7th June. And please do not forget that you and your family and friends can also sign the online petition at:

<http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/54396>

Also, you will all be aware that I do not charge for membership of our campaign – but sadly everything has a cost. Most things I manage to deal with, but there is one major cost to

cover that is more difficult. That is the cost of sending thousands of your signed petitions, properly boxed to an official address in London by courier. Therefore, may I please ask if there is anyone out there who could help the campaign by collecting me and the boxed petitions from Dorset and taking us to a delivery address in London? – if there is, would you please contact me by telephone or email.

SOME MORE NEWS FOR YOU

AN IMPORTANT DECISION FROM THE FIRST LANDS TRIBUNAL CASE.

It rules that Site Owners cannot charge for "ADMINISTRATION" including meter reading and issuing invoices that cannot be made in respect of ELECTRICITY OR GAS SUPPLY unless there is an express term in the Written Statement saying an administration charge for this can be levied.

PLEASE GO TO OUR CAMPAIGN WEB SITE (STOP PRESS NEWS) TO READ THE FULL FACTS.

www.parkhomeownersjusticecampaign.co.uk

COWBOY TRADERS

I have received complaints from residents about a trader who is advertising in a glossy magazine. Apparently, the refurbishment and maintenance work that has been done to park homes is not up to the expected standard and the residents who have contacted me are concerned that elderly or vulnerable park home residents could fall foul of this type of advertisement and receive shoddy workmanship. Whilst I cannot name names, I share the concern of those who have contacted me and can only recommend that if you are looking to have maintenance done on your park home. Get a quote from a reputable well known company who will give you a guarantee. Be very wary. Do not be taken in by big advertisements – or even a trader's membership to what you might consider to be reputable organisations. Do talk to neighbours, family and friends and if possible use traders who are recommended by your family, friends and neighbours – or whose work you have seen.

Once again. Thank you all for the work that you have done. Please gather some more signatures from your friends and family on the attached petition form and I hope to hear from you soon with the message that you will be able to attend our rally and we can all meet in London on the 2nd July 2014.

Best Wishes

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