The National Park Home Owners JUSTICE Campaign

President: Sir Peter Bottomley

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Date:

**Reference: The Government’s promised change from RPI to CPI.**

Dear Sir Keir Starmer and Sir Ed Davey

I write as a supporter of the Park Home Owners JUSTICE Campaign and a park home resident that has been badly let down by the Conservative Government. My letter is to respectfully ask for the help of you both to shame this Government into action in these times of austerity.

Almost four years ago, after campaigning since 2014 with the help of the now retired Liberal Democrat MP Dame Annette Brooke OBE, the then Labour MP Natascha Engel and the late Lord Graham of Edmonton. The Government promised to adjust the increase to park home owners pitch fees from RPI to CPI – which is the figure that our pensions rise by and is already enjoyed by park home residents in Wales. The operative words from the Government on this subject, (when parliamentary time allows.)

We are still waiting and although our JUSTICE campaign founder - Sonia McColl OBE - has continually asked for this change to be brought about at the APPG for Park Homes and written a standard letter that hundreds of residents have signed and sent to the Minister, Michael Gove; Government continues to ignore our plea - and its promise.

Almost all Park Home Residents are pensioners and we are totally aware that neither Government or their families are ever likely to live our life style or reside in a park home. If they did, action would be taken. Sadly, not only have we to accept the current increases to food and fuel that is crippling many households; we are also having to pay the latest extremely high RPI rates that are being added to our monthly pitch fees. Our pensions rise by CPI and as retired people we are in a hopeless position as we have no other income to bolster our finances. The RPI increase goes to feather the nest of wealthy site owners and will not be paid back retrospectively - when and if Government ever keeps its promise.

Enough is enough and whilst we have continually written to Government and Sir Christopher Chope OBE has tried to bring in a Private Members Bill (which never reaches the second reading) I write to ask you to please do all that you can within the parliamentary system to shame this Government at hopefully, Prime Minister’s Questions.

It is very obvious that in the eyes of the present Government - even after waiting four years - we, the park home pensioners of England are not worthy of inclusion in the parliamentary time table. This extremely important issue - that is causing real hardship to the elderly and most vulnerable of our society – is quite obviously of no importance to the Conservative Government – but we will be at the next election and we will remember who did or did not help us.

Once again, although I do appreciate your busy schedule, I am relying on you both and ask that you please try to shame the Conservative Government into action.

Yours Sincerely.