

PARLIAMENTARY CONSULTATION INTO UK HOUSING CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

Call for evidence

Consultation aims

From August to January, The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Housing Market & Housing Delivery is running a major independent consultation about the UK housing market.

The consultation seeks to:

1. Engage with a diverse range of organisations and individuals who collectively cover all conceivable points of view on housing provision, ensuring that the process is not biased towards large organisations.
2. Encourage organisations who do not usually submit evidence to formal consultations to do so.
3. Gather a wide variety of evidence of all types
4. Stimulate a broad debate about the need for, and provision of, housing, and the possible routes to fixing current problems with supply.
5. Work towards finding solutions that could gain wide support.
6. Build on progress made to date, by recommending tangible and ambitious next steps for government, at the end of the consultation.
7. Secure a renewed cross-Government commitment to tackling the housing crisis and its underlying causes.

Consultation process

We are interested in hearing from all organisations and individuals connected with the delivery and management of housing including: government and arms-length bodies, MPs and peers, stakeholders, businesses, councils, councillors, academics, voluntary and charity sector organisations and members of the public.

Written submissions should answer the consultation research questions:

1. What are the challenges of delivering the required number and mix of housing units that the UK needs to meet current and future demand?
2. Exactly how broken is the housing market?

Submissions will form an evidence base for a report to be published in 2021. The report will be issued to policy makers, journalists, and over 2000 relevant stakeholders from the housing and infrastructure sectors.

Consultation details

- Consultation opens: Mon 3rd August 2020.
- Consultation closes: ~~Fri 18th December 2020~~
Deadline now extended to Fri 8th January 2021 (4pm).
- Oral evidence sessions will be held in Parliament in October and November. Applications to speak at an evidence session should be made via email by 30th October.
- An expert roundtable will take place within the consultation period. Contact the Secretariat for further details.
- Further information is available at www.appghousing.org.uk

Submission rules

- Submissions should be in Word or Rich Text format (not PDF).
- Submissions should be between 1,000 and 3,000 words in length.
- Submissions should begin with a short summary in bullet point form.
- Submissions should state clearly who the submission is from, i.e. whether from yourself in a personal capacity or sent on behalf of an organisation.
- Submissions should include the name(s) of the author(s).
- Submissions should include biographical details of the author(s).
- Submissions should as far as possible comprise a single document attachment to the email.
- Material already published elsewhere should not form the basis of a submission, but may be referred to within a proposed submission.
- If you do not wish your submission to be published, you must clearly say so.
- The sooner you send in your submission, the more time the Group will have to take it into consideration. You are strongly advised to submit your written evidence as soon as possible.
- Your submission should be emailed to consultations@appghousing.org.uk

Evidence sessions

- Each online evidence session allows three experts to put a case to Parliamentarians. Evidence sessions are twenty minutes in duration. This comprises a ten minute presentation from the expert, followed by ten minutes of Q&A interaction with Parliamentarians.
- Expert testimony should focus on one (or both) of the consultation research questions:
- Sessions will be recorded. Highlights of each session will be published on our website.
- Experts can use PowerPoint presentation as part of their evidence (a maximum of 10 slides)