

# Petition for HM Government

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## PETITION

We, the undersigned, call on HM Government, to give the same rights and protection to mobile/park home/caravan residents on permanent sites as other property owners in the United Kingdom specifically leasehold properties. The law, as it stands, does not give sufficient power to Local Authorities to prosecute unscrupulous site owners who harass and intimidate residents of these homes, (many of whom are quite elderly and vulnerable), and also do not abide by the conditions as laid down in the Site Licence. Many unscrupulous site owners blatantly break the law yet rarely are they prosecuted by the licensing authority.

We also ask HM Government to remove the word 'chattel' when describing these homes. Council Tax is charged at the same rate as brick and mortar properties and mobile/park homes/caravans along with the land on which they are sited, are considered permanent for this purpose. This is referred to in S.115 of the General Rate Act 1967. This contradicts the term 'chattel' where the home can be towed away within half an hour, according to the Caravans Act (1967). This currently affects thousands of citizens in this country thus creating a second-class group of decent, law-abiding people, by denying them the right to live their lives in peace and tranquillity as laid down in the Mobile Homes Act 1983.

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SIGNATURE:

Area will do.

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