

CARAVAN SITES BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTES

What these notes do

These Explanatory Notes relate to the Caravan Sites Bill as introduced in the House of Commons on 10 February 2020 (Bill 35).

- These Explanatory Notes have been prepared by the Member in Charge, Sir Christopher Chope, in order to assist the reader of the Bill and to help inform debate on it. They do not form part of the Bill and have not been endorsed by Parliament.
- These Explanatory Notes might best be read alongside the Bill. They are not, and are not intended to be, a comprehensive description of the Bill.

Overview of the Bill

- 1 The purpose of this Bill is to extend the protection available to park home residents under the Mobile Homes Act 1983 to an owner or occupier of a mobile home or static caravan being used for residential purposes on a site for which planning permission has not been sought or where planning permission has been refused. Currently even residents who have a certificate for established residential use from a local authority do not qualify for protection if the site where their home is situated does not have planning consent for permanent residential use.

Commentary on provisions of Bill

- 2 Clause 1 amends section 3 of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 (the 1960 Act) to remove the requirement under subsection (3) that local authorities may only issue a caravan site licence to an applicant who has planning permission to use the land as a caravan site. It also makes consequential provision to that section.

Territorial extent and application

- 3 The extent of the Bill is England and Wales, in line with the relevant provisions of the 1960 Act. If the Bill progresses the Member in Charge would seek a Legislative Consent Resolution from Senedd Cymru.

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