

MOBILE HOMES ACT 1983 (AMENDMENT) BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTES

What these notes do

These Explanatory Notes relate to the Mobile Homes Act 1983 (Amendment) Bill as introduced in the House of Commons on 24 January 2022 (Bill 102).

- These Explanatory Notes have been prepared by the Member in Charge, Sir Christopher Chope OBE MP, 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 explain what each part of the Bill will mean in practice, provide background information on the development of policy and provide additional information on how the Bill will affect existing legislation in this area.
- 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.

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Overview of the Bill

- 1 This Bill would change the basis for calculating the maximum permitted increase in pitch fees for residents of park homes and mobile homes in England from the retail prices index (RPI) to the consumer prices index (CPI).

Policy and legal background

- 2 In a response to a written Parliamentary Question in November 2021, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities stated that this was Government policy:¹

Julian Sturdy: To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what plans his Department has to amend the Mobile Homes Act 1983 to use CPI rather than RPI as the measure of inflation for the purposes of annual pitch fee reviews for park homes.

Eddie Hughes: The Government remains committed to improving protections for park home residents and this includes changing the pitch fee review inflationary index from the Retail Prices Index (RPI) to the Consumer Prices Index (CPI). We will introduce the required legislation when the parliamentary timetable allows.

¹ Written Question [64598](#), tabled on 27 October 2021 and answered on 4 November 2021

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