Easy Read



Your views on adequate and affordable housing



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How to use this document



This document will tell you about housing and affordability so that you can tell us what you think.



Hard words that might be confusing are written in **bold blue**.

The first time each hard word appears, there is a box below it. This box tells you what the word means.



When we say 'we' in the document, we mean Welsh Government.

If you need this document in Welsh, go to www.llyw.cymru/creu-llwybr-tuag-dai-digonol-gan-gynnwys-rhenti-teg-fforddiadwyedd

Introduction

What are we doing and why?



We are interested in people's experience of the cost of renting a home in Wales.



Every person in Wales should be able to access a safe and affordable home.



Welsh Government can make changes to how people rent.



We want your views on the things we are trying to make better.

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You will be able to give your views as part of a **consultation** until 15th September.

A **consultation** is when we ask the public to give their views on changes we want or are thinking of making.

Adequate Housing



We want to understand what you think makes a home **adequate** for people living in Wales.

Housing is **adequate** when it meets the needs of the people who live in it. These needs include being safe, secure, and able to afford to live in the home.



This will help us understand how we are doing and where we need to do more.

Affordable Housing



We know that a lot of people struggle to pay their rent.



We want your views on how affordable renting is in Wales.

Rent Control Measures



Some countries have rules that limit the increase in rent a landlord can charge.



These are known as rent control measures.



Some rent control measures will stop rents increasing above an agreed amount (a cap) or some will freeze rent altogether – stopping any increase.



Others will allow only small increases based on certain things.



We want to hear your views on if any rent control measures are needed in Wales.



If they are needed, we are keen to know where and why?

Other Observations



Please let us know if there is anything else you think is important about adequate housing or affordability.



We want to hear your views. You can email them to the following address: privatesectorhousing@gov.wales



You can also answer the online questions <u>www.gov.wales/securing-path-towards-adequate-housing-including-fair-rents-and-affordability</u>