

Below is a model email format you can adapt to send to your local MP or a Lord asking them to attend the Kill the Housing Bill meeting in parliament on 3rd May.

You can find your local MP email address on this link:

<http://www.parliament.uk/mps-lords-and-offices/mps/>

You can also search for Lords to contact using this link:

<https://www.writetothem.com/lords>

Even MPs who oppose this Bill will be able to use letters from constituents as proof of widespread opposition, and you can add personal information about how the Bill will affect you that MPs can use when speaking on the Bill, so it is still well worth writing to them.

### **Model Email:**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ MP

As one of your constituents I am writing to ask you to oppose the Housing and Planning Bill. This Bill, if passed, will undoubtedly make the national housing crisis worse.

At a time of acute shortages of truly affordable housing this Bill will lead to the loss of more social housing through the extension of right-to-buy to housing association tenants and the compulsory sale of 'high-value' council housing. It will replace affordable rented homes in new developments with starter homes that will be unaffordable (up to £450,000 in London).

This Bill will do nothing to help tenants struggling in expensive, insecure, unregulated private rental properties - but instead will force these conditions onto social tenants who will see their secure tenancies abolished and their rents raised through pay-to-stay. The planning elements of the Bill will also enable more widespread demolitions of affordable social housing estates and reduce democratic local control of planning decisions.

Despite the numerous amendments that have been tabled to this Bill in the Lords, I am still extremely worried about the overall impact of this Bill and cannot see any positive reason to support even an amended version.

There is a full briefing on the Bill available on [killthehousingbill.wordpress.com](http://killthehousingbill.wordpress.com) (Resources). I hope you will speak out and vote against this Bill. I am coming to the national lobby of parliament organised by the Kill the Housing Bill Campaign on Wednesday 3rd May and I would appreciate the opportunity to meet you in person to discuss my concerns and find out what you can do to address them.

There is a protest against the Bill outside parliament from 12pm to 2pm and a meeting inside from 3pm to 7pm. Please contact me by reply email or by phone on \*\*\*\*\* to confirm when you will be available to meet on that day.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Kind regards,

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(Name, and address)