

Housing Committee – Property Guardianship in London

Call for evidence: Property guardianship in London – May 2017

The London Assembly Housing Committee has launched an investigation into the role of property guardianship in London's housing market.

Recent coverage in the media presents both a positive and a negative picture of being a property guardian. We are keen to hear your views to give us an accurate representation of the current situation in London and to understand if any changes are needed to make the sector operate optimally for all parties.



We want to find out the following:

The committee is looking for responses to the following questions to help better understand this new growing sector of the housing market.

People

- What type of person becomes a property guardian (age range, gender, employment status) and why?
- What legal rights do guardians have and how do they differ to those of private renters?

Property

- What impact do guarded properties have on local communities?
- Is there a minimum health and safety standard properties must meet before they are protected by guardians?

Shape of the sector

- Are there any examples of good practice or lessons learned from malpractice the PG sector could take forward?
- Is there a need for changes to regulation and/or legislation to make the sector operate optimally for all parties?

For those who are (or have previously been) a property guardian:

The committee would like to find out about your experiences as a property guardian. If you would like to tell us more about your experience please use the contact details below to get in touch with us.

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Who should submit evidence?

We welcome submissions from any organisations and individuals with views and information to share on this topic. We are keen to hear from those who are (or have been) property guardians, companies that provide property guardianship services, companies which use property guardians to protect their property and local authorities.

How to contribute to the investigation

Submissions should aim to address any of the questions outlined above, and any other issues you think it important for the investigation to cover.

To contribute, please send submissions to the Committee by the **3 July 2017** using the details below.¹

Email submissions	HousingCommittee@london.gov.uk
Postal submissions	Charlotte Harrison, London Assembly, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London SE1 2AA
Further information	020 7983 4456
Media enquiries	020 7983 5769

About the Committee

The Housing Committee scrutinises the Mayor's role and record in delivering the private, social and affordable homes London needs.

Committee Members are:

- Sian Berry AM, Chair (Green Party)
- Andrew Boff AM, Deputy Chair (Conservatives)
- Tom Copley AM (Labour)
- Tony Devenish AM (Conservatives)
- Nicky Gavron AM (Labour)
- David Kurten AM (UKIP)
- Leonie Cooper AM (Labour)

You can find out more about the Committee's investigations and read our reports here:

www.london.gov.uk/about-us/london-assembly/housing-committee

Endnotes

¹ We will publish written submissions online unless they are marked as confidential or there is a legal reason for non-publication. We may be required to release a copy of your submission under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, even if it has been marked as confidential.