



**PARK HOME RESIDENTS ACTION
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PARK HOME OWNERS MISSING OUT ON UPO PARKS**

The Home Office issued a Study Guide on this Act in October 2000. The reference number is HRG2.. The Office boasts that it is “building a safe, just and tolerant society” by the introduction of this Act. Unfortunately, for most of us, it ran out of bricks, or rather, that the many UPOs (unscrupulous park owners/operators) considered it didn’t apply to them. But, as always, they are not the sole enemy. The government department responsible, both then and now, can be shown to have allowed the following list of Articles listed within the Human Rights Act, to not be able to apply to those thousands affected by rogue landlords across the whole Private Rented Sector, within which we are part of the ‘forgotten and totally neglected’ group to which such sections of the Human Rights Act has never been able to have been secured. These are as follows:

Article 3 FREEDOM FROM DEGRADING TREATMENT. The average UPO has plenty of that to dish out, *which the DCLG are fully aware of!* Compare that with the Official Notice outside the gates of every prison, where it clearly states all inmates, regardless of the seriousness of their crimes, shall each be treated with humanity. Never see that from a UPO!

Article 6 RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL. Park Home issues used to be dealt with by a proper court of law. But after a number of prominent park owners, who were members of the BH&HPA actually lost a number of cases (one against me, for example) Mrs. Ros Pritchard, director general of the BH&HPA, at a meeting I attended, demanded of government that in future they wanted such matters dealt with by a Tribunal. From the start, such tribunals consisted of personnel who had little or no previous experience of the unique and heavily flawed legislation containing the confirmed 80 loopholes in the Mobile Homes Act, 1983 (as amended) Therefore, given that, then and now, the BH&HPA members were served by both a barrister and solicitor who clearly relished the golden opportunity of being able to “educate” the infant tribunals to the sole benefit of their client, representing the industry. Given that the average family lawyer, whilst they may have knowledge of basic housing law, will not have much of a clue on ‘caravan law’ That is the legal definition of a mobile or park home, luxury lodge and holiday caravan, despite the fact latest luxury models can exceed the cost of a small bricks and mortar property. Thus today, so few residents secure their rightful route to true justice, because of the huge gaps of inequality, both in and out of court, along the way!

ARTICLE 7 NO PUNISHMENT WITHOUT LAW The word punishment covers many aspects of ones basic rights, so it is entirely fair to include the fact that the ‘one vote per home’ issue has been proven beyond a shadow of doubt to have NO lawful status! Indeed, not a single judge, barrister, or solicitor I have contacted since 2006, has ever written or spoken a single word on this issue. It has therefore remained a secret unwritten law to the masses, solely in order to exploit those in precarious tenure arrangements where their rights are non existent. For example, in the case of a couple, for the purposes of voting within a bona fide residents association, this un-written law PRETENDS that only one person occupies each and every home on the site. The original 2006 revision of the MHA firmly stated the only person permitted to vote on resident association voting issues was “the first-named on the Agreement”, normally the male, so the female is discriminated by gender and by race, both unlawful, *but government continues to approve this scandal* even though it knows its purpose is for the landowner to retain his awesome power over tenant’s rights, that virtually destroy the ability and aims of a lawful Association. Finally, on this matter, thanks to persistent pressure by this Alliance, the Park Home Residents’ Action Alliance,

government, in the form of the DCLG quietly hid within the vast content of the internet, did revise the wording in a crazy idiotic manner, by claiming residents could now “choose between themselves” who should cast the still sole vote per household.... automatically DOUBLING THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS DISCRIMINATED AGAINST!!

Article 8 PRIVATE LIFE AND FAMILY The many UPOs in this industry guarantees the high level of interference in a variety of sinister and often unlawful ways, that beset so many people on almost a daily basis. This is fully known about by the DCLG for very many years. Intimidation, harassment, and bullying are common. The Mobile Homes Act does support the fact that park home owners are entitled to “Quiet Enjoyment” of their home and immediate surroundings, but is meaningless to the UPO, who it should be firmly understood the majority of whom are FULLY PROTECTED BY THE SAME HUMAN RIGHTS ACT, because of their ethnicity.

Article 10 FREE EXPRESSION: Not so free expression these days; especially so, for the indigenous population. Such that I dare not give examples of quite trivial matters that, overnight, have become taboo topics! Having to think twice, and then once again, is not something the average UPO cares about. Abuse of the elderly doesn't come top of their list of things to avoid any day of the week. An ever open door for our ‘enemy’ to continue the abuses.

Article 11 FREE ASSEMBLY AND ASSOCIATION Very similar discrimination here, involving the limitations imposed by this government who court continued gross discrimination against the assembly and meeting of a site residents’ association and the unlawful restriction on voters’ basic rights, where women, in particular, despite current wholesale concerns for their stated lack of parity on wages and so forth. That the Mobile Homes Act itself proves discrimination of now BOTH sexes that also includes ethnic mixed-race partners, as a further example of known discrimination backed by the current government!

Article 14 FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION We are still waiting; and I'm approaching my 50th year of park home living (October 1968) This sector of the housing market ensures you lose out on very many things others take for granted. In very many cases, there is no way you can shop around for cheaper utility services most services have to be purchased via the landowner at inflated prices. If you don't like the life-style, you are punished by enforcement to lose 10% of what you would have got if it had been traditional bricks and mortar. These huge sums go into the pocket of the landowner who does ABSOLUTELY NOTHING IN RETURN, fully approved by this Government. Many other examples of unfairness come to mind, too numerous to list. All in the name of discrimination.

I intend this article to reach the Home Office for their comment. If this doesn't occur within a reasonable period of time I may need to place a request for a Freedom of Information Act inquiry to take place, PHRAA is currently on a mission to respectfully ask questions from those who have the power to end such injustice heaped onto the customers, being the residents of this industry, to which governments have failed to address major concerns to which they have no grounds upon which to criticise our statements of fact. Just one example, by their combined refusal to condemn open and brazen breaches of the law by the BH&HPA, exposed by the BBC from the industry's disgusting material, which I lawfully acquired for broadcast on Radio 4 Face the Facts in 2005.

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