

Community Planning Alliance



Response to the Human Rights Act Reform: A Modern Bill Of Rights A consultation to reform the Human Rights Act 1998

Whilst this consultation is aimed at “*legal practitioners, experts and academics in human rights law, human rights advocates, and anyone else interested in our framework of human rights law*”, the Community Planning Alliance (CPA) is keen to contribute to ensure the elements of the Act which relate to the Planning Ecosystem are updated to provide citizens and communities with tangible, if basic, rights within planning process.

The CPA is also concerned about the lack of publicity surrounding this consultation and would like to request an extension to the deadline of 8th March 2022 to enable more engagement with the public and community groups.

In the meantime, we set out below our priority inputs, which we would like to see included in the updated Act.

Article 2:

Article 2 of the Act should be extended to include the premise that every citizen has the right to:

- a safe, affordable home
- breathe safe, healthy air
- access to natural green spaces, clean water and a healthy environment.

Article 6:

Article 6 of the Act should be extended to include the premise that every citizen has the right to:

- peacefully protest
- genuine and robust consultation within the planning process
- appeal throughout the planning process
- legal support for such appeals (currently citizens fund Local Authority legal costs through taxes of various types yet have to raise their own funds through donations for any legal appeals, this means citizens are not on a level playing field when it comes to challenging inappropriate developments in their areas).

Should further information be required on any aspect of the above, please contact our Vice Chair, Marj Powner on communityplanningalliance@mail.com.

Community Planning Alliance:

The [Community Planning Alliance](#) is an umbrella group, bringing together over 580 campaigns against inappropriate development nationwide. We represent a vast number of citizens, supporting them through provision of planning and other guidance and lobbying for change, to create a more level “playing field” in the planning ecosystem.