

“For too long, housing agencies have had to work in the countryside with systems designed for urban Scotland”

***Scottish Homes, Rural Housing Challenge,
1990***



***“Landowners providing
rented housing have an
extremely important role in
local communities”***

Satsangi et al, 2000



“clear preferences amongst owners to let housing to local people, and very commonly, set lower rent levels for local people than charged to the ‘wider market’.”

Satsangi et al, 2000

***“our research suggests that
the general perception that
landowners frustrate the
supply of new
housing...tends to be
overstated”***

Savills for Scottish Land Commission 2020



“additional resource and facilitation should be made more available beyond communities and into the landowner and small builder sectors...Such an approach would help to achieve a step change in the speed and quantum of new housing by harnessing wider market participation”

Savills for Scottish Land Commission 2020

“By continuing to place such emphasis on social rented housing rather than affordable housing (a definition which includes all providers) we are in danger of confining ourselves to look only to the social rented sector for solutions”

Andrew Bradford, 2000

***“work with Community Land
Scotland and others to bring
forward more land for
housing in rural areas”***

Housing to 2040, Scottish Government 2021



“People living and working in rural areas are best placed to help decide how their communities can grow in a way that meets their needs and so it is essential they are involved in planning their future development”

Housing to 2040, Scottish Government 2021



“a private rented sector which offers affordable options for most people, allowing them to benefit from the flexibility the sector offers...a sector which is attractive to investors which, alongside the choice of private rented homes, can support jobs and create positive social and economic outcomes beyond only private gain.”

Housing to 2040, Scottish Government 2021



***“we can confidently conclude
that landlords are leaving the
market and new landlords are
not joining at the same rate
as a decade ago”***

RentBetter, Wave 2 Final Report, May 2022



“There are clearly unintended consequences of layer on layer of regulation from different legislators on different things – tax, tenancy law, climate change, Coronavirus legislation”

RentBetter, Wave 2 Final Report, May 2022



“To have the provisions in place now and to fail to make them permanent would create confusion for landlords and tenants if we revisited the question in the year 2 housing bill. Any negative consequences are extremely slight and entirely reasonable.”

Patrick Harvie, LGHP Cttee March 2022

“The government’s suggestion that stopping these emergency measures would cause confusion is at best spurious and at worst deliberately dishonest. We believe that the Scottish Government is misusing Covid legislation to push through housing elements of the agreement between the SNP and Scottish Greens.

The impact on the housing supply appears to have either been dismissed or viewed as acceptable fallout to deliver the Minister Patrick Harvie’s continued attack on private landlords.”

SLE, NFUS & SAL Open Letter, May 2022

“Scottish Government ambitions to improve rural housing will not be achieved because of long standing issues on rural planning, infrastructure constraints, inflexibility on affordable housing models and a negative approach to private landlords.”

Sarah-Jane Laing, CEO, SLE May 2022

“Affordable, accessible and appropriate housing is the key to unblocking Scotland’s potential.”

Rural Housing Scotland & Scottish Rural Action, 2021

