

Apologies for missing the deadline for the Eco 3 consultation however the document has only just been brought to my attention. I hope that you will accept my email below as an official response to the consultation; however, my lack of awareness does beg the question as to whether the care sector is sufficiently aware of the proposals.

Care England is the largest representative body for independent providers in adult social care. Our members provide a wide range of services for adults with care and support needs including residential and nursing settings, homecare, housing and community-based support. Our members also deliver specialist care home services such as rehabilitation, respite, palliative care and mental health services.

Care homes are first and foremost a home. They are not commercial properties. On this basis alone Care England maintains that care homes should not be part of the proposed exemptions as they are not 'predominantly commercial' as evidenced by the fact that they do not pay commercial rates.

I would be interested to learn how many responses you have received from care providers and also the extent to which the Regulatory Impact Assessment analysed the impact on the sector as I am unable to see any immediate evidence.

As stated, I hope that you will consider this brief email as an official response and would welcome the opportunity to converse with you and your team about the unintended impact on the care sector.

Yours sincerely,

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