



Dear Consultee

### **Consultation on modernising the repair and maintenance of fixed equipment and end-of-tenancy compensation in relation to Agricultural Tenancies in England**

1. I am writing to invite your views on proposed changes to secondary legislation governing the repair and maintenance of fixed equipment, and end of tenancy compensation, in relation to agricultural tenancies in England that are governed by the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986.

Further information and the consultation document can be found on-line at:

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/ahdb-sponsorship-and-agricultural-tenancies/consultation-on-modernising-agricultural-tenancies/>

2. Alternatively, please contact us using the details in paragraph 4, below.

### **Responses**

3. You can respond in one of three ways:
  - **Online** by completing the questionnaire at **Give Us Your Views** at <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/ahdb-sponsorship-and-agricultural-tenancies/consultation-on-modernising-agricultural-tenancies/>
  - **Email** to [Modernising.Tenancies@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Modernising.Tenancies@defra.gsi.gov.uk)
  - **Post** to: Agricultural Tenancy policy team, Area 1B Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR
4. The deadline for responses is **Monday 13 October**.

### **Consultation Criteria**

5. This consultation is in line with the Consultation Principles. These can be found at <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/consultation-principles-guidance>
6. The consultation will last for 8 weeks. Defra officials have had on-going discussions with the Tenancy Reform Industry Group which is a stakeholder group comprising



key organisations that represent the interests of agricultural landlords and tenants and the proposals included in the consultation reflect the feedback received.

## How We Will Handle Your Response

7. Every response will be read and considered by the Agricultural Tenancy policy team in Defra.
8. We intend to publish a summary of responses to this consultation. Inevitably it will not be practical to describe every response in detail.

## Confidentiality

9. When we publish the summary of responses to the consultation it will not include your personal name (unless you have asked us to include it) and other personal data such as contact details. The summary may contain the name of your organisation, if you are responding on an organisation's behalf.
10. Defra will retain copies of responses for a suitable length of time. Please note that a member of the public can ask to see copies of information held. If you need to keep any part of your response confidential, please tell us when you respond. Please note that confidentiality disclaimers automatically added to e-mails do **not** count.
11. Important: we will take your reasons into account if someone asks for information. Because we must comply with the law, including Freedom of Information legislation, **we cannot promise that we will always be able to keep your details that you provide to us confidential.**

## Obtaining a Copy of the Summary of Responses

12. We will summarise all responses and place this summary on our website at [www.gov.uk/defra](http://www.gov.uk/defra). If you require a hard copy, or have any other queries, please contact us by email at [Modernising.Tenancies@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Modernising.Tenancies@defra.gsi.gov.uk) or by post at Agricultural Tenancy policy team, Area 1B Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR.
13. Please note that consultation summaries and copies of responses are normally published within 12 weeks of a consultation closing.

## Comments and Complaints

14. To comment or complain about the consultation process, please write to the Defra Consultation Co-ordinator.
  - **By email** - [consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk).
  - **By post** – Room 629, 9 Millbank, c/o 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR
15. To ask us a question about this consultation, please contact us using the details at paragraph 4 above.
16. Thank you for your time.



Yours Faithfully

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