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Call for Evidence - Does judicial review strike the right balance between enabling citizens to challenge the lawfulness of government action and allowing the executive and local authorities to carry on the business of government?

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Respondent ;

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We advise and initiate various legal proceedings for Landlords and Letting Agents.

Whilst we have no direct experience of having been involved or initiated a Judicial Review, there have been occasions where this would have been considered but for the obstacles placed in front of the majority of society.

Response to questions where we have an observation to comment upon.

Section 1

Judicial Review is an overly complex and exclusionary expensive process.

Many will have legitimate concerns about the governments actions but be financially prevented from taking any action such as a Judicial Review.

Section 3.8

There should be a screening process for Judicial Reviews that ensure there is some merit to the case and then progression should be far more expedient and cost effective.

Section 3.12

I don't see why ADR cannot be considered at an early stage.