

*These notes refer to the Defective Premises (Landlord's Liability)  
(Northern Ireland) 2001 (c.10) which received Royal Assent on 2 July 2001*

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

11. Three options were considered: no change to the present law, abolition and repeal of the law in *Cavalier -v- Pope* or adopting the limited measure of reform which extends the liability of a landlord.
12. The first option was not recommended by the Committee or the majority of consultees who favoured reform; social conditions have evolved significantly in Northern Ireland since the decision was made in 1975 not to incorporate section 4 of the Defective Premises Act into our law. The second option was considered to be too radical a step and could have more serious cost implications. The third option was largely welcomed by consultees and was the preferred option of the Committee which considered it to represent a rational development of the existing law.