



UKHospitality Cymru submission

Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee – Agriculture (Wales) Bill

About UKHospitality

UKHospitality is the authoritative voice for over 730 companies operating around 85,000 venues in a sector that employed 3.2 million people prior to COVID. The body speaks on behalf of a wide range of leisure and 'out-of-home' businesses, from FTSE 100 enterprises to niche groups and independent single-site operators, as well as 6,000 affiliated operators. UKHospitality provides a single voice bringing together businesses from all aspects of hospitality: coffee shops, hotels, serviced apartments, pubs, restaurants, leisure parks, nightclubs, contract caterers, entertainment, wedding venues, holiday homes, bowling alleys and visitor attractions.

Key points

UKHospitality Cymru would like to make a written submission to the [Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee](#) as part of the Stage 1 scrutiny of the general principles of the [Agriculture \(Wales\) Bill](#) (the Bill). In particular, the use of glue boards in the treatment of rodent infestations in food premises.

As a trade association, UKHospitality Cymru does not actively use glue boards, however, we do represent a large number food businesses operators who employ pest control organisations and individual pest control technicians who use them periodically in accordance with the relevant codes of practice.

We have consulted with members who are of the opinion that glue boards should only be used as a last resort and only where there is a risk to health and where other methods have proved to be ineffective.

We believe that public health would suffer should a complete ban on glue traps be introduced. Rodents would, in some situations, become extremely difficult to control and treatment programmes prolonged unnecessarily. This may result in the closure of members' businesses either temporarily or permanently.

We recognise that glue boards, if not used correctly, can cause suffering and our members rely on the competency of our pest contractors and the relevant codes of practice to ensure the most humane practises are used. Our members do not use the boards themselves or allow amateur use of the boards.



On balance, our members believe that the correct, monitored use of glue boards by trained professionals is the best way to manage both public health, maintain our members' businesses and remove rodents as humanely as possible.
