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National Assembly for Wales

Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

Holiday Caravan Sites (Wales) Bill

Response from: Fforest Fields Caravan and Camping Site

Christine Chapman AM

Chair, Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee National Assembly for Wales,

Dear Mrs. Chapman,

I am a partner in a small, family owned, touring and camping caravan site in Mid Wales, not far from Builth Wells. On a busy weekend we might have about 80 touring caravans and assorted tents, we have no statics and we are in the process of building the business with a new, sustainable, facilities block.

We have invested a considerable amount into the business, we know that our site helps the indirect employment in our area, from the local pub to shops in Builth that now specifically cater for our visitors.

I feel that there are some parts of the proposed Holiday Caravan Sites (Wales) Bill that overlook the difference between a large holiday home business and the smaller, family owned touring sites.

Our trade association the BH&HPA have already responded on behalf of its members and I concur with the evidence they have given on the wider implications of the Bill.

We are just entering the busiest period for our business and I am sorry that I have not had time to read the Bill in more detail but from what I have read, I do feel that more thought needs to be given to the specific needs of the holiday industry and not just use the example of Housing Regulations and sledge hammer it into place.

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