HCS59 National Assembly for Wales Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee Holiday Caravan Sites (Wales) Bill Response from: Disserth Caravan and Camping Park

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

Dear Ms Chapman,

I am the owner of Disserth Caravan & Camping Park near Llandrindod Wells. This is a holiday and touring park business, providing 25 pitches for touring caravans, motorhomes and tents and licensed for 29 pitches for static holiday caravans.

I write in response to the consultation on the Holiday Caravan Sites (Wales) Bill. My trade association, BH&HPA has responded on behalf of all members and I endorse their evidence – <u>on this link</u>– to you.

Additionally I fail to understand why it is wrong for retired people who pay their park fees to have a holiday that starts on the day a park opens and ends on the day a park closes as there does not appear to be a legal definition of how long a holiday lasts and at the end of the day they have paid for the right to use their holiday home. If a park closes for a period then it surely can not be termed residential. Why should this industry be singled out to be operated by a 'Fit and proper Person' and if so then surely the inspecting officer should have a certificate to prove they are a 'Fit and Proper person'.

I ask please that you ensure my park business is not placed at competitive disadvantage, jeopardising the direct and indirect employment we sustain or compromise our customers holiday stays. Yours sincerely, Mike Hobbs & Ann Hobbs Disserth caravan & Camping Park