

Dawn Bowden MS

Deputy Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism

Welsh Government

By e-mail only.



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Dear Deputy Minister,

**RE: CAMPING REGULATIONS**

I do hope this e-mail finds you well. I am writing following contact from a constituent in Mid & West Wales who has sought clarity regarding the Welsh Government's position on camping laws in Wales – particularly in regards to developments in England regarding camping restrictions.

In particular, I understand that early this year a change in planning laws was undertaken, which saw the UK Government extend the permitted development rights (PDR) from 28 days per year to 60 days across England. The move, which came into effect in July 2023, means farmers and landowners can run pop-up sites for tents, campervans and motorhomes for up to 60 days per year without needing to apply for extra planning permission.

I understand that in Wales the regulations currently remain at 28 days.

My constituent argues that extending this period would provide a significant boost for many rural businesses, particularly as the industry continues to look to recover following the Covid-19 pandemic and the challenges of the cost-of-living crisis.

I would welcome any insight I could provide to my constituent on the Welsh Government's stance regarding the above, and what consideration has been given to extending permitted development rights for camping sites. I welcome any insight or thought you can provide on this matter that could be relayed to my constituent.

Yn gywir,

Cefin Campbell AS/MS

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