



Eich cyf/Your ref: P-05-1150

Ein cyf/Our ref: RE/00222/21

Janet Finch-Saunders MS
Chair of the Petitions Committee
Welsh Parliament
Cardiff Bay
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9 April 2021

Dear Janet,

Thank you for your letter about Petition P-05-1150 which proposes the Welsh Government provides non-domestic rates relief to holiday home sites in Wales with a rateable value over £500,000.

On the 3rd March 2021, the Welsh Government announced the decision to extend the 100% non-domestic rates relief scheme specifically for ratepayers in the hospitality, leisure and tourism sectors with a rateable value over £500,000 in 2021-22.

Full guidance on the scheme can be found at: <https://businesswales.gov.wales/non-domestic-rates-enhanced-hospitality-and-leisure-rates-relief-scheme-2021-22>

The Welsh Government recognises the prolonged impact restrictions may have on businesses and is committed to supporting them through recovery.

Our £380m package provides eligible retail, leisure and hospitality businesses and charities in Wales with a straightforward year-long non-domestic rates holiday. In combination with our permanent relief schemes, the Welsh Government will be providing over £610m in non-domestic rates relief in 2021-22 meaning 70,000 businesses will continue to pay no rates at all. The estimated £380m cost goes beyond the £358.9m consequential received from the UK Government.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

The scheme has been specifically designed to support businesses in these sectors during these challenging times. It will be administered by local authorities and operate on an application basis. All applicants will be required to demonstrate that they have been materially negatively impacted by Covid-19 restrictions.

My officials have had ongoing discussions with the Welsh Local Government Association about the implementation of this support. Local authorities will communicate with relevant businesses to discuss their application.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Evans". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and a distinct 'E'.

Rebecca Evans AS/MS

Y Gweinidog Cyllid a'r Trefnydd
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