

Victoria Mann
Chief Executive Officer
Near Me Now Ltd

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Dear Victoria,

VZTA Smart Towns

Thank you for your letter, I am sorry to hear about your experience with the Vale of Glamorgan Council. I have circulated your letter to the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee Members and also the Senedd's researchers who support our work.

The Committee has a very wide remit and a busy work programme planned for the next two terms so, unfortunately we are unable to take forwards direct work on the legislation to support private sector businesses engaged by Welsh public bodies that you have proposed at this point.

However, I would like to reassure you that the Committee recognises the importance of small businesses in Wales and the role they play as the backbone to our economy. We will continue to scrutinise policies that affect and impact small businesses and will bare your experience in mind whilst undertaking our work.

In my experience work to propose specific legislation such as this would best be taken forwards by one of your Senedd Members directly – possibly via the Members Bill route. If you have not already, I would recommend contacting your Members of the Senedd.



Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and a long, sweeping underline.

Paul Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English

