

Email received 3 February 2026 from the Greyhound Board of Great Britain in relation to the Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill.

To: Delyth Jewell MS, Chair of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee

CC: Mike Hedges MS, Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Dear Chair,

We were disappointed that the Committee did not approve the amendments tabled by James Evans MS during the recent Stage 2 reporting.

We fully respect that it is ultimately the decision of Members whether to approve any amendments. However, we note that the amendments in question directly aligned with the recommendations of both the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution (LJC) Committee under Stage 2 scrutiny.

Specifically:

Culture Committee:

- Requested that the Welsh Government undertake more comprehensive assessments of the economic and social impacts of the ban before it takes effect.
- Highlighted the need for clearer data on welfare outcomes, including injuries, fatalities, and post-racing care.

LJC Committee:

- Raised concerns about poor legislative practice in introducing the Bill before all relevant impact assessments had been completed, particularly where the proposal could affect human rights.
- Requested that a written statement on compatibility with the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) be published before voting on the Bill's principles.

In light of these recommendations, and given that we are yet to have seen any recommendations from the Welsh Government appointed Implementation Group, we would be grateful if the Committee would consider allowing further evidence from third parties to be submitted in support of the amendments, so that they can be reconsidered.

Additionally, we would welcome any further information regarding the amendment stage as part of Stage 3 of the Bill process, including the timeline available for Members to table amendments at this stage.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to your guidance on how the concerns of the Committees can be addressed.

Kind regards,