

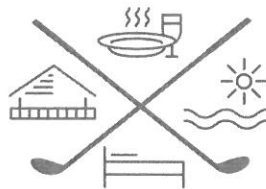
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National Assembly for Wales

Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

Holiday Caravan Sites (Wales) Bill

Response from: Penrhos Park



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Christine Chapman AM  
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### **Consultation on the Holiday Caravan Sites (Wales) Bill**

Dear Ms Chapman,

I am a Director of Penrhos Park in Llanrhystud, Ceredigion. This is a Holiday Park business providing 135 pitches for static caravans. We also have other parts to the business including log cabins, Hotel, Golf Course and Leisure Club.

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, a copy of which is attached.

In addition to their response I do have some reservations in relation to the practicality of policing some aspect of the bill. Some of the questions that I would need reassurance on include:

1. In relation to all the data required to satisfy non residential use of a caravan, where does data protection come in?
2. If a caravan owner refuses to give the evidence needed (2 utility bills) what action is going to be taken. Does it fall back on the Park Owner/Manager? Are we going to be obliged to turn the caravan off the Park, even though we know that the owner is not using it as their primary residence?
3. If a caravan owner lets their caravan and the person he lets it to is then living there, who is going to police that, the park owner may not be aware of it?

4. What happens if a Park Owner and the Local Authority fall out and the Park Owner refuses to allow the Officers on his Park. Even allowing for warrants/orders, what happens if a Park Owner refuses to speak to the Officers or says he can't get any of the information they require?
5. Do we know how many people are abusing the residential rules at present, would it not be wiser to find that information out first, then that evidence can be scrutinised?

Although I am not totally against the bill there has to be a reasonable attempt to ensure it can work properly. At the moment we have no evidence that this is the case.

As Park Operators the last thing we need is a bill that will upset our customers, who can quite easily take their business out of Wales and into England, where they are less regulated.

Thank you for the opportunity to reply to your consultation and I hope you take my comments into consideration.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'RR Rees-Evans', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rowland Rees-Evans  
Director