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National Assembly for Wales Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee Holiday Caravan Sites (Wales) Bill

Response from: Llanengan Community Council

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Clerk,
Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee,
Welsh Assembly Government,
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Consultation on the Holiday Caravan Sites (Wales) Bill

I write on behalf of the above Council to express the following comments:

It opposes requests from any permanent caravan site in this Community to amend a Condition in its Planning Permission in order for it to be used for holidays throughout the year as this would set a precedent for other sites (a total of approximately two thousand caravans in this community). Concern is expressed that this would open the floodgates for the caravans to be used as permanent homes and the effect on the Welsh language and the native Welsh society. It would also place additional strain on services, especially health and care at a time when they are already facing financial cuts. Additionally, Local Authorities have no means of monitoring them.

The Council is in favour of ending the practice of using holiday caravans as permanent residential homes by making it a requirement for their owners and long term occupiers to show that their main residence is elsewhere and giving local authorities the power to deal with caravan occupiers who fail this test.

I trust that you will consider the above comments.

Yours faithfully,

Einir Wyn

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