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Hi – Business Wales has suggested I write to you in connection with the current WG consultation on Permitted Development Rights.

We farm on a small hill farm in BBNP, and we took advantage in 2021 of the extended permitted period for offering camping without planning permission, and it was successful and proved a great help in farm diversification, quite a number of tourists stayed with us, most from England. So we are looking to do the same again, but will the same rules apply, that we can offer camping for 56 days? We need to know asap, to get ready and advertise.

We have responded to the PDR consultation, but the 15 Feb deadline is worrying. So the consultation ends then, presumably followed by assessment, reporting and a political process, pushing a decision into Spring (maybe even Summer)? This is too late for making the most of tourism for us and Wales in 2022.

Given that the Covid situation is little different from 2021, could we suggest that that a decision on 56 days for this year only is facilitated quickly, irrespective of the permanent changes to PDR arising from the consultation? Of course we hope that 56 days will become permanent, enabling us to share our amazing views, biodiversity and livestock with visitors, and ease our income difficulties in carrying on real and sustainable farming in the hills – as we know other Welsh hill farmers are hoping.

Regards, [REDACTED]

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