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1 February 2022

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 12 January to Dawn Bowden MS, Deputy Minister for Arts and Sport, and Chief Whip, regarding the use of land to provide a campsite. I have been asked to respond on behalf of Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change, as planning falls within her portfolio.

Class B of Part 4 of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 provides for the temporary use of land (excluding buildings) for 28 days in a calendar year, subject to limitations and conditions. This is reduced to 14 days for specified uses.

In April 2021, the number of days permitted was temporally extended to 56 days to support economic recovery in the hospitality, leisure and tourism sectors following the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions. Given the increase in days was not subject to public consultation, this could only be a temporary arrangement. The permitted number of days returned to 28 days on 4 January 2022.

I acknowledge the additional days were useful in enabling rural businesses to diversify to cater for the increase in 'staycations' last year. There were, however, also planning impacts arising from some temporary uses, particularly where sited close to residential properties. The Welsh Government is therefore undertaking consultation as part of considering whether the 28 days currently permitted should be increased to 56 days permanently. I understand that you have submitted a response to the consultation.

The consultation ends on 22 February. All responses will be fully considered and a formal consultation report setting out the next steps will be issued by the Welsh Government later this year.

In the meantime, if you want to utilise your land for camping beyond 28 days in a calendar year, planning permission will be required. You may wish to seek pre-application advice

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

from Brecon Beacons National Park Authority. Further information regarding the pre-application service they offer is available on their website - <https://www.beacons-npa.gov.uk/planning/applications/guidance-note-01-april-2014-charging-for-pre-application-planning-advice>.

Yours sincerely,

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