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Subject: Consultation on permitted development and pop up camp sites
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Dear Mr Gething

I recently completed the Permitted Development Rule online consultation. I feel I need to express my personal anxieties on 56 days becoming a permanent feature in relation to pop up camp sites across Wales.

We have seen a deluge of pop up camp sites appear around Wales, and in particular around Snowdonia National park and neighbouring local authorities. In the absence of planning rules, these sites have become a significant issue for local communities.

Pop up sites can appear with very little or no warning to communities. Land owners don't need to consult. Signs and portaloos appear overnight, followed by traffic and congestion, making neighbours lives an absolute nightmare.

We live in [REDACTED], a small rural village in Conwy County. A pop up appeared out of the blue last summer (taking advantage of the temporary change in PDR from 28 to 56 days). In less than a week in May 2021, our community faced an additional 40-50 cars per day travelling down a single narrow lane, with no pavements or passing places. Neighbours faced gate entrances being blocked, verbal abuse, speeding cars, increased litter and dog mess.

In addition to this pressure, each camping plot (40 in total) was allowed a camp fire, therefore 40 fires burning every evening. The camp site was open every weekend through May, June, July and the whole of August. In addition to increase in traffic, poor air quality due to exhaust fumes and camp fires, we were faced with daily bin wagons and portaloos cleaning lorries.

Summer 2021 was emotional and stressful and totally unsustainable.

I plead with you and the WG to ensure that pop up camp sites face the same planning rules as any other development, build or established camp site.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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