

Maurice MacRae submission of 24 August 2022

PE1962/B: Stop motorhomes parking overnight out with formal campsites, caravan parks and Aires.

The creator obviously does not know that motorhomes, campervans and caravans have toilets fitted to the majority of them and do not need to defecate in laybys and bushes unlike cyclists, motorcyclists Van drivers and hillwalkers who I have witnessed defecating in public places and roadsides.

As long as the SNP and councils in Scotland continue to close public toilets and fail to empty litter bins all over the country, including the mentioned A9, then the problem will continue.

A better proposal would be to improve the facilities for all our tourists and welcome them to our country and spend their money not what Lynn & Darren Redfern and Maree Todd MSP are proposing.

Obviously a few give everyone a bad reputation but why not follow other European countries who welcome travelling tourism and lay off the Campervans Motorhomes and caravans? Create more parking and toilet emptying facilities. The famous NC500 has only 3 official places to empty cassette toilets for example.

France have grey water and toilet emptying facilities in the majority of their petrol stations and many more dedicated Aires and rest sites.

This is a booming industry in Scotland and campsites are full and visitors have no option than to find alternative parking for the night.

The majority of Motorhome owners have spent a lot of money on their hobby and are responsible respectful citizens who are just trying to enjoy the outdoor environment.