

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

Edward Mountain MSP written submission, 29 July 2025

I write in response to the Scottish Government response to my constituent's Lynn and Darren Redfern's petition PE1962.

In the response from the Scottish Government, they are suggesting that if a site was not used for more than 28 days planning permission is not required. This "de minimus" use of land for an alternative purpose is laid out in the relevant planning acts.

However, in this case there is no control of the use of any parking site for a period of 28 days. Each site is open all year and so the Government or indeed the Highland Council cannot prove "de minimus" use. Indeed, they are available 365 days of the year and are marked and signed as such.

As such, I do not believe the arguments proposed by the Government are correct.

I will leave it entirely up to you as to how you progress the matter. In the meantime, I have copied this letter to Lynn and Darren.