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Dear Patrick,

Non-fixed housing

Thank you for your letter of 10 August providing an update on the Scottish Government's plans for the post-implementation review of the Residential Mobile Homes Site Licencing scheme. The Committee intends to continue to monitor progress with this review and we would be grateful if you could keep us informed of developments as the review advances from the initial planning and information gathering stage.

In considering your response, the Committee also raised the topic of other forms of non-fixed housing in Scotland, notably including houseboats. These are the only other form of non-fixed housing of which we're currently aware and whilst we note that residential moorings are required, they do not appear to be subject to any licensing scheme.

The Committee would be grateful if you could provide an overview of any licensing requirements for houseboats along with details of licensing schemes in respect of any other forms of non-fixed housing in Scotland of which we may be currently unaware.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Ariane Burgess, Convener, Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee