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e-mail response sent to: Statutorylicensing@gov.wales

Dear Sir/Madam,

Response to: Statutory licensing scheme for all visitor accommodation providers in Wales

The Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) is the largest professional institute for planners in Europe, representing some 27,000 spatial planners. RTPI Cymru represents the RTPI in Wales, with 1,300 members. The Institute seeks to advance the science and art of planning, working for the long-term common good and well-being of current and future generations. The RTPI develops and shapes policy affecting the built environment, works to raise professional standards and supports members through continuous education, training and development.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the above consultation. RTPI Cymru supports the Welsh Government's three-pronged approach incorporating taxation measures, a registration scheme and planning measures to addressing the imbalances caused by the increased use of market housing for holiday use. RTPI Cymru has published a paper to explore the issues and potential solutions with specific relevance to planning. This is a complex matter and as such will require multi-faceted solutions. The document can be read here - [RTPI | Holiday Homes in Wales](#) In this we stress that any measures through the planning system would only be effective if accompanied by a licencing scheme and taxation changes.

If you require further assistance, please contact RTPI Cymru on 020 7929 8197 or e-mail Roisin Willmott at walespolicy@rtpi.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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