



20 July 2010

Dear Colleague,

Inquiry into Rural Tourism in Wales

The Rural Development Sub-Committee is undertaking an inquiry into Rural Tourism in Wales.

The aim of the Committee's inquiry is twofold: relevant to assess the effectiveness and impact of the various Welsh Government strategies to rural tourism and to make recommendations to the Welsh Government and any other appropriate bodies.

The Committee is keen to hear the views of as many people with an interest in the subject as possible and would like to invite you to submit a written response to the questions in the attached annex. Please feel free to answer all the questions, or only those that are relevant to your experience.

The Committee will use the written evidence, along with oral evidence taken at a number of meetings to be held during the Assembly's autumn term, to scrutinise and make recommendations to the Welsh Government on the issue. The meetings will be held in public and will also be available on Senedd TV which can be accessed from our website. A full verbatim transcript of each hearing will also be produced.

As we are keen to hear the views of as many people and organisations as possible, please pass this letter on to anyone you think would like to respond to it. An electronic copy of the consultation letter can also be found on our website at:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-third1/bus-committees-third-rd-home.htm>

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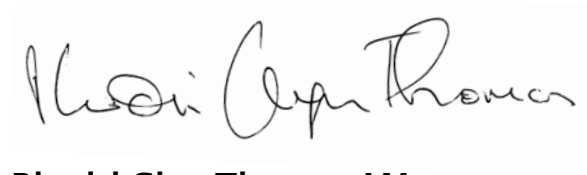
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We welcome contributions in Welsh and English. Please submit your evidence in electronic form if possible.

I would be grateful if you could submit any written evidence by **Friday, 17th September 2010** to Aled Elwyn Jones, Clerk to the Committee, at:

ruraldev.comm@wales.gov.uk

Hard copies should be sent to the above address.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rhodri Glyn Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM
Chair, Rural Development Sub-Committee

Consultation questions for the inquiry into Rural Tourism:

- Is support for rural tourism is being effectively co-ordinated by the Welsh Government?
- How could the Welsh Government improve the way it delivers support for rural tourism?
- What progress has been made on the actions contained within the various Welsh Government strategies relevant to rural tourism?
- Have these strategies been sufficiently updated in light of a number of organisational and policy changes over recent years?
- Have the organisational changes of recent years assisted in delivering the objectives of the various strategies?
- What contribution has the *Cultural Tourism Strategy* made to developing rural tourism?
- What is your opinion of the proposal contained within the *Farming, Food and Countryside* strategy for a reinvigoration of the Adfwyio type of approach to rural tourism?

Please note:

It is normal practice for the National Assembly to publish evidence provided to a committee. Consequently your response may appear in a report or in supplementary evidence to a report. The National Assembly will not publish information which it considers to be personal data.

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