

Cynulliad National Cenedlaethol Assembly for Cymru Wales

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9 May 2008

Dear Colleague

Consultation - Proposals for Proposed Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) Measure

I have been lucky enough to win a ballot held in the National Assembly for Wales which allows Assembly Members to introduce their own legislation. I am currently holding a consultation before I introduce a proposed Measure that will impose a duty on Local Authorities (including National Parks and Community Councils) to prepare and consult on 'impact statements' when proposing to dispose of playing fields, which are defined in terms of area and certain sporting activities. The overall aim of the proposed Measure is to ensure that proper consideration is given to a proposed disposal and its impact on the health and well-being of the local community, before it proceeds

You can find details of the proposed Measure and the consultation document, including explanatory notes at the following link <u>http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-legislation/bus-leg-measures/bus-legislation-measures-playingfields.htm</u>. If you would prefer to receive hard copies of the consultation documents please contact the Legislation Office, contact details below. It is really important to me that I hear your views on my proposal and responses to this consultation will inform the final proposals for the proposed Measure which I will introduce in July 2008 for consideration by the Assembly.

In preparing your submission it would be helpful if you could address the specific questions that are found in Annex 2 of the consultation document.

To submit a response please send an electronic copy to <u>legislationoffice@wales.gsi.gov.uk</u> and entitle the e-mail *Consultation Proposed Playing Fields Measure*. If you would prefer to send your submission in hard copy, please send it to Ruth Hatton, Deputy Committee Clerk, Legislation Office, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay CF99 1NA.

The closing date for all submissions is 13 June 2008. It will not be possible to take into account responses received after this date.

When preparing your submission please keep the following in mind:

- Your response should be as succinct as possible. Please reference your response using the title applied above.
- The National Assembly normally makes responses to public consultation available for public scrutiny and they may also be seen and discussed at future Committee meetings. If you do not want your response or name published it is important that you specify this at the end of your submission.
- Please indicate whether you are responding on behalf of an organisation, or as an individual.
- Please indicate whether or not you would be prepared to give oral evidence to a future Committee.

If you have any queries please contact the Clerk, Gareth Williams (tel: 029 2089 8008) or Ruth Hatton, the Deputy Clerk (tel: 029 2089 8019).

Yours sincerely

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