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Dear Colleague

Consultation on Proposed Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) (Wales) Measure

The National Assembly for Wales' Legislation Committee No.1 ('the Committee') has been tasked with considering the general principles of the proposed Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions)(Wales) Measure ('the proposed Measure'). The proposed Measure was introduced to the Assembly by Dai Lloyd AM in July 2008 following his success in the ballot giving backbench Members the right to seek leave to introduce their own proposal for legislation.

Details of the proposed Measure and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum can be found at:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-guide-docs-pub/bus-business-documents/bus-business-documents-doc-laid.htm?act=dis&id=93814&ds=7/2008>

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In order to inform its work, the Committee would welcome written evidence from interested parties on the proposed Measure. **In particular, it is seeking views on the following:**

1. Is there a need for an Assembly Measure in relation to community involvement in decisions by local authorities whether to dispose of playing fields?
2. What are your views on the key provisions set out in the proposed Measure, i.e.

- the duty on local authorities to consider the impact that selling off playing fields would have on local communities before deciding whether to dispose;
- the principal definitions (Section 2);
- the duty on local authorities to prepare and consult on impact statements before deciding whether to dispose (in particular, the method and scale of consultation, and content of impact statements)(Section 3);
- the duty on local authorities to prepare a decision statement, including its content, and the arrangements for making known its decision (Section 6);
- the statutory consultees as set out in the Schedule to the proposed Measure; and
- powers of Welsh Ministers to issue stop and remedial directions to local authorities (Section 7).

3. What are the practical and financial implications of putting these provisions in place?

4. Will the proposed Measure achieve its overall purpose and aim?

If you wish to submit evidence, please send an electronic copy of your submission to legislationoffice@wales.gsi.gov.uk and entitle the e-mail *Consultation - Playing Fields Proposed Measure*. If you would prefer to send your submission in hard copy, please send it to Claire Griffiths, Deputy Committee Clerk, Legislation Office, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA.

Submissions should arrive by Friday 6 February 2009. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date.

Further information on the legislative process can be found at: <http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-legislation/bus-legislation-guidance/bus-legislation-guidance-measures.htm>

When preparing your submission, please keep the following in mind:

- your response should be concise and address the issues before the Committee. 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 by Assembly Members at Committee meetings. **If you do not want your**

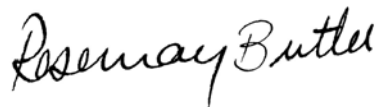
response or name published, it is important that you clearly specify this in your submission;

- please indicate whether you are responding on behalf of an organisation, or as an individual; and
- please indicate whether or not you would be prepared to give oral evidence to the Committee.

The Committee welcomes contributions in English and Welsh and will consider responses to the written consultation during the spring term.

If you have any queries, please contact Liz Wilkinson, Committee Clerk on 029 2089 8025 or Claire Griffiths, Deputy Clerk on 029 2082 1990.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rosemary Butler". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letter 'R' being particularly large and stylized.

Rosemary Butler AM
Committee Chair