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NEW NATIONAL MEASURES AFFECTING CARAVAN AND PARK HOME SITES

Dear Site Owners and Managers,

This weekend we announced that we will be introducing new national measures from Thursday 5 November to control the spread of coronavirus. These measures have been carefully judged to achieve the maximum reduction in the growth in the number of cases, preventing the NHS from being overwhelmed, whilst ensuring that schools, colleges and universities stay open and that as many people as possible continue to work.

On Saturday the Government published guidance outlining these new national restrictions, which includes information on what this means for business closures. This included instructions that hotels, hostels and other accommodation should only open for those who have to travel for work purposes and for a limited number of other exemptions which will be set out in law. Regulations setting out these exemptions have now been published and I have included the list of exemptions below.

https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/1200/pdfs/ukxi_20201200_en.pdf

As was the case when national restrictions were introduced in March, I want to make clear that caravan and park home sites should remain open for those using them as their primary residence. Sites that are housing people who would otherwise have nowhere to live, or are providing accommodation to vulnerable groups, such as the homeless, should remain open to those groups – they should not be removed from their homes. These sites can also remain open for individuals where it is essential that they stay there for work purposes. If closing your site as a result of the measures announced this week has made anybody homeless, you should immediately reverse this decision. We will shortly be publishing guidance which makes this clear.

The prevailing laws against unauthorised encampments or unauthorised development remain in place, as per previously issued guidance which can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-those-leading-a-nomadic-way-of-life/covid-19-guidance-for-those-leading-a-nomadic-way-of-life>

We must act now to control the spread of the virus and I want to assure you that this Government remains committed to protecting the most vulnerable during this pandemic.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kelly Tolhurst". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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- (a) to provide accommodation for any person, who—
 - (i) is unable to return to their main residence;
 - (ii) uses that accommodation as their main residence;
 - (iii) needs accommodation while moving house;
 - (iv) needs accommodation to attend a funeral;
 - (v) is isolating themselves from others as required by law;
 - (vi) is an elite athlete, the coach of an elite athlete, or (in the case of an elite athlete who is a child), the parent of an elite athlete, and needs accommodation for the purposes of training or competition,
- (b) to provide accommodation for any person who needs accommodation for the purposes of their work,
- (c) to provide accommodation for any child who requires accommodation for the purposes of education,
- (d) to provide accommodation for the purposes of a women's refuge or a vulnerable person's refuge,
- (e) to provide accommodation or support services for the homeless,
- (f) to provide accommodation for any person who was staying in that accommodation immediately before these Regulations came into force,
- (g) to host blood donation sessions, or
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