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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide evidence in support of stage one scrutiny of the Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill at committee last week.

We said we would write to provide additional detail on the information that is required to be published on the national register and directory.

The Visitor Accommodation and Register Levy (Wales) Act 2025 requires WRA to publish:

- the name of the Visitor Accommodation Provider (VAP),
- any business name used by the VAP,
- the business address of the VAP,
- a statement as to whether the VAP is an individual, a partnership, a body corporate, an unincorporated body, or another kind of entity,
- if the VAP is—
 - a company registered under the Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), its company number, or
 - an overseas entity its overseas entity ID, and
- a statement as to whether the VAP is a charity, and if the VAP is a charity registered under the Charities Act 2011 (c. 25), its charity number.

This will be available from Autumn 2026.

The Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill will require the published directory to contain:

- the name of the VAP;
- any business name used by the VAP;
- the business address of the VAP;
- the regulated visitor accommodation to which the licence relates;
- the premises to which the licence relates;
- the registration number issued by WRA to the VAP
- the date the licence was granted and, where applicable, amended or renewed;
- the date on which the licence will expire;
- such information in relation to the approval requirements or the licence conditions, as the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate.

But the published directory must not contain the name of an individual, unless the individual consents to the publication, or the individual's forename and surname are part of the business name of a VAP. Similar restrictions to the publication of the address of an individual's sole or main residence apply, unless the individual consents to the publication, or the address is of premises at which a VAP provides, or offers to provide, regulated visitor accommodation.

Finally, the committee is very welcome to visit our office to see how the work to develop the national register (which is the predecessor to the directory) is progressing. And we are very happy to return to the committee at a later date to provide further evidence as our work on this continues to develop, if that would be helpful.

Yours sincerely,



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