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Welsh Government

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Dear Lesley

The Town and Village Greens (Landowner Statements) (Wales) Regulations 2018

At the meeting of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee yesterday, the Committee considered The Town and Village Greens (Landowner Statements) (Wales) Regulations 2018.

Our report highlighted concerns at the lack of justification for including personal details in a public register. In the absence of this justification, we expressed concern that Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights may have been breached and, as a result, that the regulations could be ultra vires.

The government response to our report accepted these points and indicated that it would make amending regulations “as soon as practicable”. However, we would be grateful for clarification on how you intend to amend the regulations (including details of how the amendments can be justified if they continue to raise any privacy concerns) and whether it is your intention for the amendments to come into force before these regulations come into force, i.e. before 22 October 2018.¹

¹ While doing so would breach the 21 day rule, we believe there is clear justification for doing so in the circumstances.



Given the time frame in which Assembly Members are able to table a motion to annul these regulations, I would be grateful for a response by close on 17 October 2018.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mick Antoniw". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mick Antoniw AM

Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.
We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

