

PE1962/H: Stop motorhomes parking overnight out with formal campsites, caravan parks and Aires

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Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund

Since the query was made the Scottish Government announced in the 2025/26 Budget £4 million of RTIF funding was allocated. This will assist projects which enhance transport links and infrastructure in areas that experience high visitor numbers. This will help communities to reap the rewards of their tourism offer, driving growth and sustaining vital jobs. In addition a further £2 million, delivered through Visit Scotland, will include support for activity to spread visitor numbers more equally across Scotland helping local communities, including by promoting some of the country's lesser-known beauty spots and attractions. It will also support activity to grow direct international connectivity.

Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill

The Scottish Government remains open to discussion with stakeholders on the issue of a levy on motorhomes and campervans, and will consider any developed proposals that work to support the visitor economy. Discussions with council and land management stakeholders have highlighted significant issues with such a levy, with potential difficulties in application, administration and compliance. A local authority could choose to use funding raised from a visitor levy to fund services that relate to motorhomes, such facilities to be used by those in motorhomes.

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