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Hello and thank you for reading this.

I'm a UK resident in the North East but I have family in The Highlands and I love to visit and enjoy the beauty of Scotland where my grandmother hails from.

Journeys to visit are long and sometimes I need to stay overnight to break up my journey or to stay in my van to enjoy the beauty surrounding me.

In recent years there has been more animosity to people who stay over. This year for obvious reasons people have been scared but we bring income to those areas be it using local shops, pubs whatever.

I would like to see more provision of stop overs for vans/motor homes. The UK is very anti camper van and archaic compared to Europe. A recent study in Lancashire showed the amount a motor home visitor spent in their stay amounted to almost £500 into the local economy.

Scotland has had a bad press this year with its reaction to vans and camper vans being far from welcoming but these same people will want us back as tourists when their economy struggles!

I agree that some campers (mainly in tents) have destroyed habitat recently and totally understand locals feelings on the disgusting mess. But these aren't people who are contained in their own vehicle with facilities.

I'd love to see you move forward with some provision of stop overs for our community.

Thank you and take care

Elaine Williams

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