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Billington and Langho Parish Council supports the objections of Rimington Parish Council in respect of removal of a 3-month time limit on holiday let periods.

The council is objecting because it believes that making the period of holiday let completely open-ended creates a precedent for all future holiday lodge and caravan site applications across the entire borough. It poses the question 'when does a holiday let become a second home ? '

Allowing these relaxed conditions enables caravan park owners to unfairly sell their lets as permanent homes at an increased price, and avoid some of the extra costs that normal estate developers have to pay, such as Section 106 (e.g. educational contributions, affordable homes, open spaces etc.). Income to the council may be lost through the avoidance of council tax.

Planning enforcement against those not on holiday will become extremely difficult with the need for evidence, to prove permanent residency, whereas a period of even three months can be easily ascertained from the site-owner's register of holiday lets.

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