

**Eilean Siar (Western Isles) Council - Local Development Plan – 2 x Draft
Supplementary Guidance – Copy of Response Submitted Online 12/8/21**

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DRAFT Supplementary Guidance for Caravans, Huts and Temporary Buildings

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Typo in header of page 5 – Should be ‘Caravan’

Consideration should be given to a potential conflict of definitions with shepherds huts – they would seem to fall under the definition of huts as land management huts on page 4 but on page 7 it appears to state that they are caravans. Permanent shepherds huts are more likely to be buildings or structures rather than falling into the definition of a caravan. A caravan placed under PDR for use for a shepherd, for example during lambing season, would require to be removed during other seasons in order to meet the requirements of the Caravan Act as is noted on page 17. Similarly, they would probably lie within the definition of non-residential hut on page 11.

General comment – there are a number of references to ‘temporary buildings’. The document may benefit from amending the reference to ‘temporary buildings and structures’ given that on page 10, temporary buildings are noted as including containers which we understood to be structures rather than buildings.

Page 16 Annex B –consider changing:

“The use of land as a ‘caravan site’ is considered to be a ‘Change of Use’ of Land.” to read “The use of land as a ‘caravan site’ is considered to be a ‘material Change of Use’ of Land.” This will be consistent with the last sentence on that page.

Page 16 Annex B - underlined text should read ‘Permitted development rights’ in both cases where it appears.