

Submitted to Consultation on Policy: The Statutory Regulation of Tourist Accommodation
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Proposed amendments and modernisation of the existing statutory minimum criteria

1 Do you agree with the proposed changes/new criteria which shall be applicable to all accommodation establishments as set out in Annex A? (Please select one option)

Agree

If you have selected 'Disagree' or 'Strongly Disagree', please expand below. :

2 Do you agree with the new criteria/proposed changes to the existing criteria for the current eight statutory categories of tourist accommodation as set out in Annex B? (Please select one option).

Agree

If you have selected 'Disagree' or 'Strongly Disagree', please expand below. Please clearly state which table/statutory category of tourist accommodation your response(s) relate to, e.g. Table 1 – Hotels, Table 4 – Self-Catering Establishments etc.:

3 Are there any other aspects of the current statutory minimum criteria, outside of the proposals set out in Annexes A and B, which you consider should also be changed, modernised or added to?

No

If you have selected 'Yes', please expand below. Please clearly state which table/statutory category of tourist accommodation your response(s) relate to, e.g. Table 1 – Hotels, Table 4 – Self-Catering Establishments etc.:

Proposed creation of an additional statutory category of visitor/tourist accommodation – "Alternative Accommodation"

4 Do you agree with the inclusion of Alternative Accommodation as a statutory category of tourist accommodation? (Please select one option)

Yes

If you have selected 'No' or 'Not Sure', please expand below.:

5 Have you any views on the indicative minimum criteria for Alternative Accommodation outlined in Annex C? If so, please specify below.

Please give us your views:

Yes, Criteria should include:

- Environmental impact mitigation (e.g., waste disposal, visual impact).
- Limits on clustering to prevent over-development in rural areas, especially in visually-sensitive landscapes.

6 Do you have any views regarding the naming of the Alternative Accommodation category, i.e. do you feel another category name would provide a more appropriate description of the styles of properties/establishments proposed to be certified under it? If so, please specify below.

Please give us your views:

"Alternative Accommodation" seems appropriate.

Proposed amendments to the regulatory requirements for keeping a "Visitors Register"

7 Do you agree with the proposed changes to the regulatory requirements around the keeping of a Visitors Register by visitor/tourist accommodation establishments as set out in Section 3 of this consultation and Annex D?

Agree

If you have selected 'Disagree' or 'Strongly Disagree', please expand below. :

Proposed amendments to the regulatory requirements regarding the "Display of Charges"

8 Do you agree with the proposed changes to the regulatory requirements around the Display of Charges by visitor/tourist accommodation establishments as set out in Section 4 of this consultation and Annex E?

Agree

If you have selected 'Disagree' or 'Strongly Disagree', please expand below.:

About You

9 What is your name?

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11 Which of the following best describes you? (Please select one option)

Central Government/Local Government/Civil Servant

If you have selected 'Other', please specify.:

If you have selected 'Tourism Industry Representative/Organisation' or "Community or Voluntary Organisation", please state the name of your organisation. Please also make it clear who your organisation represents and, where applicable, how the views of members were assembled.:

12 In the event that we need to better understand some of the responses collected, would you be willing to be contacted by the Department for the Economy to discuss your responses in further detail via the email address you supplied above? Please note that your responses are otherwise confidential. (Please select one option)

Yes