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Francis West submission of 14 October 2019

As a campervaner, I see there is a dire lack of facilities in the highlands for

1: emptying of grey(kitchen) water and black(toilet) water.

2: refilling of water tanks

3: overnight stop points outwith campsites.

Campsites are only open 6 months a year, and while a few permit 1 and 2 above for a fee, (which can be extended to include shower and laundry facilities without occupying a camping pitch).

Most campsites do not offer this.

It should be mandatory for campsites to offer and publicise this pay service with a clearly visible sign, thus giving full opportunity to allow correctly sanitised disposal of waste.

Highland council are actively denying the use of all their carpark to campervans and Motorhomes, both for parking and. "for the purposes of sleeping ". This applies also to tour busses and lorries despite having designated bays.

Highland council should be generating revenue by charging for the permitted use of this facility , not using it as a tax take using fines and punishments. The carpark at highland council HQ in inverness is derelict at night now instead of earning revenue. People are frightened to park in it.

The setup of campervan and Motorhome service points similar to the European "aire" models should be encouraged by the Scottish government , where emptying & refilling for a fee and overnight parking is permitted .

The new ferry route from Rosyth to Holland will bring and influx of European Motorhomes eager to tour Scotland. But the lack of facilities, and active denial by Highland council of their carpark will make the highlands and "no go area" to a tourist group ready and willing to spend money in the highlands.

Campervan hire companies need to give better guidance to their customers regarding services and overnight parking as well as single track road driving. Perhaps a rehash of the 1970s single track road driving info-advert sung by hillbillies in an open top car would bring levity and understanding on a tricky subject.