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SUPPORTING TEMPORARY CAMPSITES IN ENGLAND THIS SUMMER

This summer, we need to do everything we can to support our hospitality and tourism sectors as they start to recover from the pandemic. We want businesses to operate flexibly and successfully, and we want local authorities to support them in any way they can.

To help meet the increased demand for domestic holidays over the summer, the Government wants to see more temporary campsites. On 28 June I made a [statement](#) to the House of Commons encouraging local authorities to exercise their discretion when it comes to enforcing planning rules against the temporary opening and extension of campsites over the holiday season.

For many campsites to operate for more than 42 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days within a 12 month period, the operator must also apply to their local authority for a camping license under section 269 of the Public Health Act 1936. This deadline may now be approaching for campsites which opened this summer.

I expect any such licensing application to be processed expediently, ensuring they do not become a barrier to increased holiday capacity in England this year. I also want to remind all councils that should they fail to issue a license within one month, the applicant may proceed with their proposal without a license.

I hope you will do all you can to help support the tourism and hospitality industries over the rest of the summer.

RT HON ROBERT JENRICK MP