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Dear retailer,

Cairngorms National Park Fire Management Byelaw

As you may have seen from the recent publicity and media coverage, a new fire management byelaw is coming into force, meaning that from 1 April to 30 September each year, **fires and barbecues are banned in the Cairngorms National Park.**

In the Cairngorms – as in so many places around the world – our weather patterns are changing. In summer we've experienced more severe hot spells and drought, making the threat of wildfire greater than ever before. The National Park is home to precious landscapes, rare wildlife and more than 18,000 people so a wildfire has the potential to be devastating.

People often ask us what they can do to protect and look after this special place. One of the most straightforward answers is "don't light fires" and we know from our earlier consultation on the byelaw that the vast majority of local people and businesses support this approach.

While the byelaw brings with it the opportunity for enforcement when that is required, our primary ambition is to reduce the number of fires. To this end, our current focus is a significant campaign to raise awareness of the byelaw and encourage compliance. Many of our visitors and of course local people are likely to visit your business and we're hoping you will assist by helping to spread the word about the fire management byelaw.



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There are a number of ways you could do this including: -

- Displaying posters such as those enclosed in your premises (further copies are available as described below if required).
- Use of other promotional materials in your premises or with your customers.
- Including references to or details of the byelaw in your own relevant publicity material.
- Supporting the social media campaign through your own posts or reposting our fire byelaw posts to increase the reach.

One further area where there has been local pressure for us to act is around the **sale of disposable barbecues** which are seen as being a higher risk – particularly as some are used to start a campfire after use or are disposed of irresponsibly. While the Park Authority does not have powers to ban their sale, we would ask you to consider no longer stocking disposable barbecues in your stores within the Cairngorms National Park. If you did stop stocking them, we would be happy to explore partnership PR opportunities to spread the word about your business' involvement in the campaign.

In order to assist businesses, we have created a suite of materials including posters, physical display materials and social media assets which can be downloaded or ordered from cairngorms.co.uk/fires. You can also contact us at haveyoursay@cairngorms.co.uk to request specific items or additional material.

Thanks for your help on this important issue.

Kind regards,



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