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Via email: McLornanL@belfastcity.gov.uk

Dear Louise,

You emailed the Minister of Communities on 26 April 2024 regarding the regulation of Airbnbs and short term lets. You highlighted a particular need for an appropriate model to manage short term lets, given the impact they are having on communities, including on the affordability of buying or renting property.

I can advise that policy responsibility for Airbnbs and short term tourist accommodation lies with the Department for Economy and, its Arm's Length Body, Tourism NI.

I would therefore suggest that you write to the Department for Economy about the issues raised in your letter.

I trust you find my response helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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