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Dear Ellen Daniels,

Thank for your letter of 21<sup>st</sup> of October, 2020. The Firebreak measure was put in place in response to the rapid increase in cases in Wales seen over the last few weeks. The decision was not taken lightly, but it was done so to save lives.

During the Firebreak, provisions were made for essential businesses. A full list of business categories that are required to close, plus full guidance for all businesses can be found at the Welsh Government website's Firebreak FAQ, which can be found at:

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus-covid-19-closure-businesses-and-premises-html>

Those businesses which you represent as the British Compressed Gas Association have not been asked to close by the Welsh Government and therefore are allowed to operate through the Firebreak period under standard COVID restrictions. Staff who are unable to work from home will be allowed to travel into and for work. A full list of guidelines for making your business and your employees COVID safe can be found at:

<https://gov.wales/business-and-employers-coronavirus>

Following the end of the Firebreak on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November different rules will apply which can be found at: <https://gov.wales/coronavirus-regulations-guidance>

Yours sincerely,

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