

CARAVAN SITE LICENCE CONDITIONS

THE STANDARDS

1. The boundaries and plan of the site

(i) The boundaries of the site from any adjoining land must be clearly marked by a man made or natural feature.

(ii) Caravans or combustible structures must not be positioned within 3 metres of the boundary of the site.

(iii)(a) A plan of the site must be supplied to the local authority upon the application for a licence and, thereafter whenever there is a material change to the boundaries or layout of the site, or at any other time on the demand of the local authority.

(b) The plan supplied must clearly illustrate the layout of the site including all relevant structures, features and facilities on it and shall be of suitable quality.

2. Density, Spacing and Parking between Caravans

(i) Except in the case mentioned in sub paragraph (iii) and subject to sub paragraph (iv), every caravan must be spaced at a distance of no less than 6 metres (the separate distance) from any other caravan which is occupied as a separate residence.

(ii) No caravan must be stationed within 2 metres of any road or communal car park within the site or more than 50 metres from such a road within the site.

(iii) Where a caravan has retrospectively been fitted with cladding that accords with currently approved fire rated materials to its facing walls, then the separation distance between it and an adjacent caravan may be reduced may be reduced to a minimum of 5.25 metres.

(iv) In any case mentioned in subparagraph (i) or (iii):

(a) A porch attached to the caravan may protrude one metre into the separation zone and must not exceed 2 metres in length and 1 metre in depth. The porch must not exceed the height of the caravan. Where a porch is installed only one door may be permitted at that entrance to the home, either on the porch or on the home.

(b) Eaves, drainpipes and bay windows may extend into the separation distance provided the total distance between the extremities of two facing caravans is not less than 5 metres.

(c) Any structure including steps, ramps, etc (except a garage or car port) which extends more than 1 metre into the separation zone must be of non-combustible construction. There should be a 4.5 metre clear space between adjoining caravans.

(d) A garage or car port may only be permitted within the separation distance if it is of non-combustible construction.

(e) Windows in structures within the separation distance must not face towards the caravan on either side.

(f) Fences and hedges, where allowed and forming the boundary between neighbouring caravans, must be a maximum of 1 metre high.

(v) The density of caravans on a site must be determined in accordance with relevant health and safety standards and fire risk assessments.

3. Roads, Gateways and Overhead Cables

(i) Roads must be designed to provide adequate access for emergency vehicles and routes within the site for such vehicles must be kept clear of obstruction at all times.

(ii) New roads must be constructed and laid of suitable bitumen macadam or concrete with a suitable compacted base.

(iii) All roads must have adequate surface water/storm drainage.

(iv) New two way roads must not be less than 3.7 metres wide, or if they are designed for and used by one way traffic, 3 metres wide.

(v) One-way systems must be clearly signposted.

(vi) Where existing two way roads are not 3.7 metres wide, passing places must be provided where practical.

(vii) Vehicular access and all gateways to the site must be a minimum of 3.1 metres wide and have a minimum height clearance of 3.7 metres.

(viii) Roads must be maintained in a good condition.

(ix) Cable overhangs must meet statutory requirements.

4. Footpaths and Pavements

(i) Every caravan must be connected to a road by a footpath with a hard surface which shall be maintained in good condition.

(ii) Where practicable, communal footpaths and pavements must not be less than 0.9 metres wide.

5. Lighting

Roads, communal footpaths and pavements must be adequately lit between dusk and dawn to allow the safe movement of pedestrians and vehicles around the site during the hours of darkness.

6. Bases

(i) Every unit must stand on a concrete base or hard-standing.

(ii) The base must extend over the whole area occupied by the unit, and must project a sufficient distance outwards from its entrance or entrances to enable occupants to enter and leave safely. The hard standings must be constructed to the industry guidance, current at the time of siting, taking into account local conditions.

7. Maintenance of Common Areas, including Grass, Vegetation and Trees

- (i) Every part of the site to which the public have access must be kept in a clean and tidy condition.
- (ii) Every road, communal footpath and pavement on the site must be maintained in a good condition, good repair and clear of rubbish.
- (iii) Grass and vegetation must be cut and removed at frequent and regular intervals.
- (iv) Trees within the site must (subject to the necessary consents) be maintained.
- (v) Any cuttings, litter or waste must be removed from the immediate surrounds of a pitch.

8. Supply & Storage of Gas etc

- (i) Gas (including natural gas) and oil installations, and the storage of supplies must meet current statutory requirements, relevant standards and codes of practice.
- (ii) Liquefied Petroleum Gas cylinders must not be positioned or secured in such a way as to impede access or removal in the event of an emergency.

9. Electrical Installations

- (i) An electricity network of adequate capacity must be installed on the site to meet safely all reasonable demands of the caravans and other facilities and services within it.
- (ii) The electrical network installations must be subject to regulation under current relevant legislation and must be designed, installed, tested, inspected and maintained in accordance with the provisions of the current relevant statutory requirements.
- (iii) Any work on electrical installations and appliances must be carried out only by persons who are qualified in the particular type of work being undertaken, and in accordance with current relevant regulations.

(iv) Any work on the electrical network within the site must be carried out by a competent person fully conversant with the appropriate statutory requirements.

10. Water Supply

(i) All pitches on the site must be provided with a water supply sufficient in all respects to meet all reasonable demands of the caravans situated on them.

(ii) All new water supplies must be in accordance with all current legislation, regulations and relevant British or European standards.

(iii) All repairs and improvements to water supplies and installations must be carried out to conform with current legislation and British or European standards.

(iv) Work on water supplies and installations must be carried out only by persons who are qualified in the particular type of work being undertaken and must be in accordance with current relevant legislation and British or European standards.

11. Drainage and Sanitation

(i) Surface water drainage must be provided where appropriate to avoid standing pools of water.

(ii) There must be satisfactory provision for foul and waste water drainage either by connection to a public sewer or sewage treatment works or by discharge to a properly constructed septic tank or cesspool approved by the local authority.

(iii) All drainage and sanitation provision must be in accordance with all current legislation and British and European standards.

(iv) Work on drains and sewers must be carried out only by persons who are qualified in the particular type of work being undertaken and in accordance with current legislation and British or European standards.

12. Domestic Refuse Storage & Disposal

- (i) Where communal refuse bins are provided these must be non-combustible and housed within a properly constructed bin store.
- (ii) All refuse disposal must be in accordance with all current legislation and regulations.

13. Communal Vehicular Parking

Suitable surfaces parking spaces must be provided to meet the requirements of residents and their visitors.

14. Communal Recreation Space

On sites where it is practical to do so, suitable space equivalent to about one tenth of the total area of the site must be allocated for recreational purposes, unless in the local authority's opinion there are adequate recreational facilities within a close proximity to the site.

15. Notices and Information

- (i) The name of the site must be displayed on a sign in a prominent position at the entrances to the site, together with;
 - (a) The name, current address and telephone number of the licence holder and manager, and emergency contact details for both;
 - (b) A copy of the site licence or the front page of the said licence and details of where the full licence and other information required to be available under this standard can be viewed, and between which times (if not displayed on the notice board).
- (ii) A current plan of the site with roads and pitches marked on it must be prominently displayed at the entrances to it.
- (iii) In addition, at the prominent place the following information must also be available for inspection;
 - (a) A copy of the site owner's certificate of the public liability insurance;
 - (b) A copy of the most recent utility bills relating to the site;

- (c) A copy of the most recent periodic electrical inspection report;
- (d) A copy of the local flood warning system and evacuation procedures if appropriate; and
- (e) A copy of the fire risk assessment made for the site.

(iv) All notices must be suitably protected from the weather and from direct sunlight.

16. Flooding

(i) The site owner must establish whether the site is at risk from flooding by referring to the Environment Agency's Flood Map.

(ii) Where there is risk from flooding the site owner must consult the Environment Agency for advice on the likelihood of flooding, the depths and velocities that might be expected, the availability of a warning service and to take appropriate measures.

17. Requirement to Comply with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005

The site owner must make available the latest version of the fire risk assessment carried out under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 for inspection by residents, and when demanded, a copy of the risk assessment must be made available to the local authority.

18. Fire safety measures where the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 does not apply

(i) The standards in this paragraph only apply if the site is **not** subject to the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

Fire Points

(ii) These must be located so that no caravan or site building is more than 30 metres from a fire point. Equipment provided at a fire point must be housed in a weather-proof structure, easily accessible and clearly and conspicuously marked "FIRE POINT".

Fire Fighting Equipment

(iii) Where water standpipes are provided;

(a) The water supply must be of sufficient pressure to project a jet of water not less than 5 metres from the nozzle;

(b) There must be a reel that complies with the current British or European Standard, with a hose not less than 35 metres long, having a means of connection to a water standpipe (preferably a screw thread connection) with a water supply of sufficient pressure and terminating in a small hand nozzle; and

(c) Hoses must be housed in a red box and marked "HOSE REEL".

(iv) Where hydrants are provided, hydrants must conform to the current British or European Standard.

(v) Access to hydrants and other water supplies must not be obstructed or obscured.

(vi) Where standpipes are not provided or the water pressure or flow is not sufficient, each fire point must be provided with water extinguishers (2 x 9 litres) which comply with the current British or European Standard.

Fire Warning

(vii) A suitable means of raising the alarm in the event of a fire must be provided at each fire point.

Maintenance and Testing of Fire Fighting Equipment

(viii) All alarm and fire fighting equipment must be installed, tested and maintained in working order by persons who are qualified in the particular type of work being undertaken and be available for inspection by, or on behalf of, the licensing authority or the Fire and Rescue Authority.

(ix) A record must be kept of all testing and remedial action taken.

(x) All equipment susceptible to damage by frost must be suitably protected.

Fire Notices

(xi) A clearly written and conspicuous notice must be provided and maintained at each fire point to indicate the action to be taken in case of fire. This notice should include the following;

“On discovering a fire:

- I. Ensure the caravan or site building involved is evacuated.
- II. Raise the alarm.
- III. Call the fire brigade (the nearest phone is sited at)”