



Model Standards 1983 – Touring Caravan Sites

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 Section 5

Density

1. Site density should not exceed seventy-five units (caravans or motor caravans) per hectare (30 units per acre) calculated on the basis of the usable area rather than the total site area (ie excluding crags, lakes, roads, communal services etc), provided that, where tent camping is also permitted, the maximum number of units stationed on the site at any one time should be reduced by the number of pitches occupied by main tents stationed for human habitation.
2. Where the number of units on the site is to be limited by condition, it may be appropriate to prescribe maximum by reference to specified periods so as to permit up to 10% more units during such peak holiday periods as may be agreed between the site licensing authority and the licence holder without the provision of additional facilities, provided that:
 - i. the provisions of paragraph 1 above are complied with; and
 - ii. the standards relating to spacing, as set out in paragraphs 3-5 below, are complied with.

Spacing

3. Every unit should be not less than 6 metres from any other unit in separate family occupation and not less than 3 metres should be permitted between units in any circumstances.
4. Vehicles and other ancillary equipment should be permitted within the 6 metres space between units in separate family occupation but, in order to restrict the spread of fire, there should always be 3 metres clear space within the 6 metres separation.
5. Emergency vehicles should be able to secure access at all times to within 90 metres of any unit on the site.

Drinking Water Supply and Waste Water Disposal

6. There should be an adequate supply of drinking water. Each pitch on a site should be no further than 90 metres from a water tap. At each tap there should be a soakaway or gully.
7. Waste water disposal points should be provided so that each pitch is no further than 90 metres from a waste-water disposal point. The appropriate Water Authority should be consulted about the arrangements for disposal of water likely to be contaminated.

Toilets: WCs and Chemical Closets

8. The scale of provision should be one we and one urinal for men and two wes for women per thirty pitches and their location should be to the satisfaction of the licensing authority. The pro rata scale can be reduced where sites have over 120 pitches (see also paragraph 9 below). Toilets may not be justified where sites have less than ten pitches but on sites with between ten and thirty pitches at least one we and one urinal for men and two wes for women should be provided.

9. Where the provision of wess is not feasible or justified entry should be confined to units with their own toilets or chemical closets should be provided.

Disposal Point of Chemical Closets

10. Whether or not wess are provided, a properly designed disposal point for the contents of chemical closets should be provided together with an adjacent adequate supply of water for cleansing containers. The method of disposal will need to be considered in the light of the particular circumstances and should be to the satisfaction of the local authority and the appropriate Water Authority. Where appropriate, the water supply should be clearly labelled as non-potable.

Washing Points

11. There should be a minimum of four wash basins supplied with water per thirty units, two each for men and women. They should be adjacent to the toilets.

Hot Water: Showers

12. Showers should not be obligatory on sites with less than seventy pitches. If showers are required, provision should be on the basis on one shower per twenty- five pitches and hot water should be available.

Disabled Persons

13. Particular consideration should be given to the needs of the disabled in the provision made for water points, toilets, washing points and showers.

NB - Please note that the implementation of any of the above matters (ie points 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 13) may require planning permission. You are therefore advised to discuss any plans/intentions with the Planning Department before commencement.

Electrical Installations

14. Where there is an electrical installation other than Electricity Board works and circuits subject to Regulations under Section 60 of the Electricity Act 1947, it should be installed to the requirements of the Institution of Electrical Engineers' Regulations for Electrical Installations (the IEE Wiring Regulations) for the time being in force and, where appropriate, to the standard acceptable for the Electricity (Overhead Lines) Regulations 1970, 511970 No 1355. Any installation should be maintained in such a way as to prevent danger as far as reasonably practicable and should be periodically inspected and tested by a competent person in accordance with the IEE Wiring Regulations.

Refuse Disposal

15. Adequate provision should be made for the storage, collection and disposal of refuse. (It is expected that site operators should normally be able to meet their responsibilities by making arrangements with the local authority).

Fire Precautions

16. No unit should be further than 90 metres from a fire point. At each fire point there should be two water (gas expelled) extinguishers each of 10 litres capacity and complying with British Standard 5423:1980, together with a means of raising alarm in the event of fire (ega manually operated sounder, gong or hand operated siren). All fire fighting equipment susceptible to damage by frost should be suitably protected.

17. Wherever there is a likelihood of fire spreading due to vegetation catching fire, suitable beaters, of the type used by the Forestry Commission, should also be provided at each fire point.
18. The fire points should be clearly marked and easily accessible. All fire-fighting equipment should be maintained in working order and kept available for use and for inspection by the licensing authority.
19. Each fire point should exhibit a conspicuous notice indicating the action to be taken in case of fire and the location of the nearest telephone. The notice should include the following:

On discovering a fire:

- i. Raise the alarm
- ii. Ensure the affected unit is evacuated
- iii. Call the Fire Brigade (the nearest telephone is sited
- iv. If practicable, attack the fire using the fire-fighting equipment provided.

Liquefied Petroleum Gas

20. Arrangements for the storage of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) on the site should be in accordance with the current national Code of Practice and regulations.

Site Notices

21. A sign indicating the name of the site should be displayed at the site entrance.
22. Notices should be displayed prominently on the site indicating the action to be taken in the event of an emergency and show where the police, fire brigade, ambulance, and local doctors can be contacted, and the location of the nearest public telephone. Where practicable a telephone should be provided on the site and the full address of the site should be displayed near the telephone.
23. At sites subject to flood risk, warning notices should be displayed giving advice about the operation of the flood warning system.
24. At sites with overhead electric lines, warning notices should be displayed on the supports for the lines and at the site entrance. Where appropriate, these should warn against the danger of contact between the lines and the masts of yachts or dinghies.
25. A copy of the site licence with its conditions should be displayed prominently on the site.