

**MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

**TOURING CARAVANS**  
**STANDARD CONDITIONS**

**DENSITY**

- 1 Site density should not exceed 75 units (caravans or motor caravans) per hectare (30 units per acre) calculated on the basis of useable 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.

**SPACING**

- 2 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.
- 3 Vehicles and other ancillary equipment should be permitted within the 6 metre 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.
- 4 Emergency vehicles should be able to secure access at all times to within 90 metres of any unit on the site.

**ROADS AND FOOTPATHS**

- 5 Roads of suitable material shall be provided so that no pitch or toilet block is more than 45 metres from a road. Carriageways shall not be less than 2.75 metres wide.

**DRINKING WATER SUPPLY**

- 6 There should be an adequate supply of drinking water. Each pitch on a site should be no further than 60 metres from a water tap. At each tap there should be a gully discharging to a soakaway.

**REFUSE DISPOSAL**

- 7 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**

- 8 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 the alarm in the event of fire (eg a manually operated sounder, gong or hand operated siren). All fire fighting equipment susceptible to damage by frost should be suitably protected.
- 9 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.
- 10 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.

- 11 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 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."

## **NATURAL GAS AND LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (LPG) INSTALLATION AND STORAGE**

- 12 LPG storage supplied from tanks shall comply with Guidance Booklet HSG 34 "The Storage of LPG at Fixed Installations" or, where LPG is supplied from cylinders, with Guidance Note CS4 "The Keeping of LPG in Cylinders and Similar Containers" as appropriate.

Where there are metered supplies from a common LPG storage tank, then Guidance Note CS11 "The Storage and Use of LPG at Metered Estates" provides further guidance.

In this case and where a British Gas mains supply is available, then the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1994 and the Pipe-lines Act 1962 may also be applicable.

Exposed gas bottles or cylinders shall not be within the separation boundary of an adjoining unit.

LPG installations shall conform to British Standard 5482, "Code of practice for domestic butane and propane gas burning installations, Part 2: 1977 Installations in Caravans and non-permanent dwellings".

For mains gas supply, the 1994 Regulations will be relevant for the installation downstream of any service pipe(s) supplying any primary meter(s) and such service pipes are subject to the Gas Safety Regulations 1972.

Site Operators must have all gas appliances installed on their site serviced annually by a business or person registered with CORGI. Service records must be kept available for Local Authority scrutiny.

In cases where the site owner supplies gas to caravans on the site, he may need an authorisation to do so from OFGAS under the Gas Act 1986.

## **ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS**

- 13 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 SI 1970 No 1355. Any installation should be maintained in such a way as to prevent danger as far as reasonably practicable and should be inspected annually and tested by a competent person in accordance with the IEE Wiring Regulations.

## **DRAINAGE, SANITATION AND WASHING FACILITIES**

- 14 Satisfactory provisions shall be made for foul drainage either by connection to a public sewer or by discharge to a properly constructed septic tank or cesspool.
- 15 A properly designed disposal point for the contents of chemical closets and waste water 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.
- 16 Communal toilet blocks shall be provided with adequate supplies of water on at least the following scales:-
- 1 WC and 1 Urinal for men, and
  - 2 WCs for women per 20 pitches and their location should be to the satisfaction of the licensing authority.
  - Thereafter 1 WC for men and 1 WC for women per 15 additional pitches.
  - 2 wash basins for men and 2 wash basins for women with hot and cold water per 30 units.
  - 1 shower (with hot and cold water) for each sex per 30 pitches.
- 17 Laundry facilities shall be provided on the scale of not less than one deep sink with running water per 30 pitches.

## **DISABLED PERSONS**

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

## **SITE NOTICES**

- 19 A sign indicating the name of the site should be displayed at the site entrance.
- 20 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.
- 21 At sites subject to flood risk, warning notices should be displayed giving advice about the operation of the flood warning system.
- 22 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.
- 23 A copy of the site licence with its conditions should be displayed prominently on the site.

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