

TOURING SITES

DENSITY

1. Site density should not exceed 75 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, i.e excluding lakes, roads and communal services.

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 tents.

2. Where the number of units on the site is to be limited by condition, it may be appropriate to prescribe maxima by references 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:-
 - the provision of paragraph 1 above are complied with; and
 - the standards relating to spacing are complied with.

SPACING

3. Every unit should not be 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 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 metre 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 unit.

The appropriate Water Authority should be consulted about the arrangements for disposal of waste water.

TOILETS – WCs AND CHEMICAL CLOSETS

8. The scale of provision should be:-
 - 1 WC and 1 urinal for men
 - 2 WCs for women

per 30 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 10 pitches.

On sites with between 10 and 30 pitches at least:-

- 1 WC and 1 urinal for men
- 2 WCs for women

should be provided.

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

DISPOSAL POINT FOR CHEMICAL CLOSETS

10. Whether or not WCs 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 should be clearly labelled as non-potable.

WASHING POINTS

11. There should be a minimum of 4 wash hand basins supplied with water per 30 units – 2 each for men and women and should be adjacent to the toilets.

HOT WATER – SHOWERS

12. Showers should not be obligatory on sites with less than 70 pitches. If showers are required, provision should be on the basis of 1 shower per 25 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.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS

14. Excluding installations belonging to the electricity supply company and wiring subject to regulations under Section 16 of the Energy Act 1983 and Section 64 of the Electricity Act 1947, all electrical installations should be installed, tested and maintained in accordance with the current Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE) regulations and, where appropriate, to the standard required by the Electricity Supply Regulations 1988.

Any installation should be maintained in such a way as to prevent danger as far as is 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 the alarm in the event of fire (e.g a 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.

This 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. LPG storage supplied from tanks should 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 (see Guidance Note attached). The Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1994 also apply to LPG storage supplied from tanks.

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 1998 and the Pipelines Act 1962 may also be applicable.

Exposed gas bottles or cylinders should not be within the separation boundary of an adjoining unit where there is only the minimum separation distance between the units.

LPG installations should 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 main gas supply, the 1998 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.

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.

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 and dinghies.

25. A copy of the site licence with its conditions should be displayed prominently on the site.