

Caravan Site Licence Exceptions and Conditions

Exceptions to the licence

- A single caravan sited for not more than two consecutive nights for a maximum of 28 days in any 12 months.
- Up to three caravans on a site of not less than five acres for a maximum of 28 days in any 12 months.
- Sites occupied by exempted organisations such as the Caravan Club.
- Sites of up to 5 caravans certified by an exempt organisation and which are for members only.
- Sites occupied by the local authority. These are usually gypsy sites.
- Sites for temporary and special purposes such as caravan rallies, agricultural and forestry workers, building and engineering sites and travelling salesmen.
- A site for tents only can be used for a maximum of 28 days in any 12 months.

Licence conditions

Conditions that may be attached to a licence will cover:

- The type of caravan, e.g. residential, static holiday or touring.
- The permitted density (the number per acre/hectare) and the spacing between caravans.
- Water supply and drainage; lavatory and washing facilities.
- Fire precautions and electrical installations.

Failed application appeal

Please contact your Local Authority in the first instance.

If an applicant is refused a licence they may appeal to their local Magistrates' court.

The local district council may alter conditions at any time but must give licence holders the opportunity to make representations about the proposed changes. If a licence holder disagrees with the alterations they may appeal to the local Magistrates' court. The appeal must be made within 28 days of the written notification of the alteration and a notice of appeal must be served on the local district council.

What if I already have a caravan site licence?

You should check that your name, the site name and address is correct and up to date. Also check that the licence corresponds with your planning permission. If not, you should send us the licence for re-issue.

What if I have become a new owner of an existing caravan site?

Licences are transferable to a new owner but the law requires us to give consent for the transfer. You should send us the licence with a request for transfer and we will either endorse or re-issue it.

What if I want to create a new caravan site on my land?

You or your legal advisor should check that all the land used for siting caravans has planning permission, and that the details correspond with the site licence. If you wish to change the use of the land to a permanent caravan site use you must have planning permission before a licence can be issued.

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