

Welsh Government – Caravan Exemption Model Code of Conduct

I. Introduction

1. One named member of the organisation (from now on called the rally marshal) is to be responsible for the conduct of any exempted rally and for ensuring that members attending comply with the code.

II. Venue

2. Organisations should take reasonable steps to satisfy themselves that the site proposed for an exempted rally is not subject to an order under paragraph 13 of Schedule 1, or an Article 4 direction, or one for which planning permission has been refused or where enforcement action has been taken.

3. Organisations should seek the agreement of the local authority before meeting on land adjacent to sites for which planning permission has been granted.

4. Organisations should not meet on sites adjacent to certificated locations/sites unless the proposed site is clearly differentiated and the risk of interference with local people and other users is minimal.

5. Organisations should take care that the siting of caravans does not unduly interfere with the activities of local people, their privacy or their enjoyment of their property. They should also take care that the siting of caravans does not interfere with the enjoyment by others of the landscape or natural beauty or nature conservation value of the area and particularly in areas designated for their of landscape or wildlife qualities.

6. Organisations undertake not to over-use any venue and will consider carefully before holding successive meetings at the same land.

III. Nuisance

7. Local people should be able to carry on their normal activities when meetings are in progress, and disturbance should be minimised. Complaints should be treated seriously and steps taken to investigate and deal with the causes of complaints.

8. Care should be taken not to damage the site or surrounding locality. Trees, fences, buildings, equipment and stock should be respected.

9. Domestic animals belonging to members of the organisation should be kept on a lead, under close control. They should not be allowed to run loose on the site or cause disturbance to local people or animals. They should be exercised away from caravans and parts of the site used for communal activities and any mess should be picked up.

10. The rally marshal should identify open space suitable for games, which might otherwise intrude on or constitute a danger or annoyance to caravanners or others on or around the site.

11. Noise should be kept to a minimum for the comfort of other caravanners on the site as well as people who live or work nearby.

IV. Road safety and access

12. The rally marshal should take steps to ensure that travel from major roads to a proposed site is not likely to cause undue disruption to or difficulties for other road users. Access to the rally site must be suitable for the number and likely size of units attending the meeting. The arrival and departure of caravans should be arranged to minimise disruption to other road users.

13. The speed of vehicles on the site should be restricted to 5 mph.

V. Spacing and density

14. Units should be well spaced, and sited so that they do not restrict access to, or exit from, any unit or the area in case of emergencies as indicated below.

Every unit should be not less than 6 metres from any other unit at all times. There are no exceptions to this.

Vehicles and other ancillary equipment (sun canopies/ awnings BBQ's etc) should be permitted within the 6 metre space between units but, in order to restrict the spread of fire, there should always be at least 3 metres clear space within the 6 metres separation distance from adjoining units.

Emergency vehicles should be able to secure access at all times to any unit on site and as an absolute minimum within 90 metres of any unit on the site.

VI. Fire precautions

15. Open fires and barbecues should not be held except with the permission of the rally marshal. Where permission is given for open fires or barbecues, they should be sited in open ground, away from vans, vehicles, awnings and any other structures.

16. Caravans should carry a fire extinguisher approved to British Standards Institute and/or Fire Officers Certificate standards.

VII. Chemical toilets, waste water disposal

17. Organisations should act responsibly when disposing of the contents of chemical toilets and waste water and take full account of the need to safeguard water supplies and prevent the pollution of rivers and streams.

18. On-site disposal of the contents of chemical toilets and waste-water should be in accordance with arrangements agreed with the site owner/manager. Neither should be allowed to foul the ground except at designated disposal points. If in any

doubt about the disposal of waste, contact the relevant Local Authority for clarification.

VIII. Refuse disposal

19. Organisations should ensure that refuse is either taken home or disposed of in accordance with on-site arrangements. The rally marshal should be satisfied that appropriate arrangements are in place.

20. The rally marshal should ensure that the site is clear of litter after the meeting.

IX. Other information

21. The rally marshal should also be aware of the terms of the Caravan Code, the Country Code and the Coastal Code.