

EXEMPTED CARAVAN SITES INFORMATION SHEET

This information is for Crofters and other landowners who wish to use land for overnight parking of caravans without the need to apply for Planning Consent or a Caravan Site Licence.

The Caravan Sites (Exemption from Licensing) Scotland Order 1961 allows land to be

Neighbours

Consideration needs to be given to the location of caravans so they do not cause disturbance to neighbours from noise, lights or smoke from BBQ's etc.

Drinking Water

It is not expected that the site will have a water supply available to visitors but where one is provided it must be free from contamination. Ideally, it should be connected to the public water supply in accordance with Scottish Water's requirements. A private water supply is allowed but only if it has been approved by the Council's Environmental Health service. pws@argyll-bute.gov.uk There is a charge for inspecting and sampling private water supplies.

Taps must be protected from contamination and be regularly disinfected. Water points should be sited away from waste water disposal points.

Further information on water supply requirements can be found on the Drinking Water Quality Regulator for Scotland website <https://dwqr.scot/> and on Argyll and Bute Council website [Private Water Supplies \(argyll-bute.gov.uk\)](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/private-water-supplies)

Toilets and Waste Water Disposal

It is not expected that the site will have toilet facilities, in which case the site operator should only permit caravans which have their own self-contained toilet facilities. If toilets are provided, they must be connected to a suitable drainage system and a suitable means of hand washing must also be provided which uses soap and running water.

If a disposal point is provided for disposal of chemical toilet waste it must be connected to a suitable drainage system and be provided with a water tap and hose to clean the area down. This must be clearly signed so as not to be used for drinking water.

A suitable drainage system can be a connection to a public sewer in accordance with Scottish Water's requirements or a private drainage system approved by Argyll and Bute Council's Building Standards and/or the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency.

The provision of temporary portaloos is also

Litter and Refuse Disposal

There should be adequate provision for the disposal of litter/refuse which prevents it being scattered by wind, birds or other pests. Refuse receptacles should be replaced or emptied at regular intervals.

Safety

Any safety hazards must be thoroughly assessed before caravans are allowed on site. For example, areas such as deep water, falls from height, derelict buildings or other structures etc. must be considered. In some cases, it may be necessary to fence areas off or otherwise put in place safety measures to minimise the risk to visitors. Consideration must be given to children being on site.

- It is not expected that the site will be provided with lighting so every effort should be made to make the site as safe as possible from slips, trips and falls.
- It is not expected that the site will be provided with an electrical supply but if this is the case, it must be installed/inspected by a competent person.