

FREEWAY CARAVAN & CAMPING CLUB

Code of Conduct

General

1. The nominated primary Rally Marshall shall be the person on each event who is responsible for the conduct of any touring caravan or camping and for ensuring that those attending comply with this code.
2. The Rally Marshall must ensure that all members are aware of The Countryside Code, The Caravan Code and The Seashore Code.

The Venue

3. Freeway CCC will take reasonable steps to satisfy themselves that the site to be used is not subject to a relevant order under paragraph 13 of the First Schedule to the 1960 Act (for caravans), or an Article 4 direction under Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (for caravans and camping), and that it is not one where planning permission has been refused or where enforcement action has been taken.
4. Freeway CCC will consult the local authority before meeting on land adjacent to sites for which planning permission has been granted (i.e. next to permanent or commercial sites).
5. Freeway CCC will agree to move from and avoid any site to which the local authority maintains a valid objection.
6. Freeway CCC will 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.
7. Freeway CCC will take reasonable steps to ensure that the siting of units (a caravan, motor home, tent or trailer tent) does not unduly interfere with the activities of local people, their privacy or their enjoyment of their property. They will also ensure that the siting of units does not interfere with the enjoyment by others of the landscape, natural beauty or nature conservation value of the area, particularly in areas designated for their landscape or wildlife qualities.
8. Freeway CCC will undertake not to over-use any venue and will consider carefully before holding successive meetings on the same land.

Nuisance

9. Local people should be able to carry on their normal activities when meetings are in progress. The organization will take reasonable steps to minimize disturbance and will investigate and deal with the causes of any complaints made.
10. Care should be taken not to damage the site or the surrounding locality. Trees, fences, buildings, equipment and stock should all be respected.
11. Domestic animals belonging to members of the organization will be kept on a lead not exceeding 2M and under close control. They will not be allowed to run loose on the site or cause disturbance to local people or animals. They will be exercised away from units and those parts of the site used for communal activities. Any mess will be cleared up.
12. The Rally Marshall will identify open space suitable for the playing of games which might otherwise intrude upon or constitute a danger or annoyance to others on or around the site.
13. Noise should be kept to a minimum for the comfort of others on the site as well as people who live or work nearby.

Road Safety and Access

14. The Rally Marshall will take steps to ensure that travel from major roads to a proposed site is not likely to cause undue disruption or difficulties for other road users. Access to the site must be suitable for the number and likely size

of units attending the meeting. The arrival and departure of units should be arranged to minimize disruption to other road users.

15. Vehicles on the site should be driven with due consideration and restricted to 5 mph.

Fire Precautions

16. Open fires and barbecues will not be held except with the permission of the Rally Marshall. Where permission is given for open fires or barbecues, they will be sited on open ground, away from units, vehicles, awnings and any other structures.

17. A fire bucket, filled with water, will be kept by the front of each caravan/camping unit.

18. A fire extinguisher approved to British Standards Institute and/or Fire Officers Certificate standards will be held on site.

19. Generators may only be used at the Rally Marshall's discretion and the operator shall place a suitable fire extinguisher, approved by British Standards Institute and/or Fire Officers Certificate standards, nearby.

Chemical Toilets and Waste Water Disposal

20. Freeway CCC Members, guests and visitors will 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.

21. On-site disposal of the contents of chemical toilets and wastewater will be in accordance with arrangements agreed with the site owner/occupier. Neither will be allowed to foul the ground except at designated disposal points. If there is any doubt about the disposal of waste, the organization or, if appropriate, the responsible person will contact the relevant Local Authority for advice.

Refuse disposal

22. Freeway CCC Members, guests and visitors 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.

Spacing and Density of Units

23. For health and safety purposes emergency vehicles must be able to gain access to any unit on the site. As such, units should be well spaced and sited so they do not restrict access to, or exit from, any other unit or the site in general. At least 6 metres should be required between units in all circumstances. For this purpose a unit means a caravan, motor home, tent or trailer tent. In addition, there must be a minimum of 3 metres between any awnings, gazebo's or pup tent and the car or towing vehicle. Emergency vehicles should be able to secure access at all times to within 90 metres of any unit on the site.

24. Where a site is being used by both caravans and tents they must be sited entirely separate from each other for health & safety reasons. However, this does not necessarily mean segregated. If the layout of the field does not allow for separate lines of tents, it is permissible to continue a line of caravans/motor homes with a line of tents, but they must be sited *en-bloc* and not interspersed. Trailer tents are classified as tents and must be sited accordingly. Children's "pup-tents" may be erected alongside the parents' unit and should be considered as part of the unit for spacing purposes. There shall be at least 6 metres between any rows of caravans and tents.