



## **Information Sheet 7.**

# **THE ASSOCIATION OF CARAVAN & CAMPING EXEMPTED ORGANISATIONS**

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## **CRITERIA FOR CHOOSING RALLY SITES**

### **CHOICE OF VENUE**

#### **Government Departments' Codes of Conduct**

- Avoid arranging rallies on five van Certificated Locations and Sites (CL's and CS's) unless it is clearly possible to avoid a clash of interests with members using the site or with people, living locally,
- Avoid arranging rallies on land adjacent to licensed sites, unless approved by the Local Authority (see Information Sheet 2).
- Avoid arranging rallies on prominent sites; sites close to particularly sensitive areas such as nature reserves; venues very close to houses other than that of the landowner and on land where it is known that planning permission for a caravan site has been refused.

#### **Frequency and Timing of Rallies**

- Rally organisers are advised to avoid the over-use of any venue; taking into account its position and general suitability, impact on the locality of the number of vans and in National Parks where ACCEO clearance procedures must be used (see Information Sheet 4).
- Rallies should not be organised on successive weekends at the same venue.
- Avoid where possible, the organisation of successive five-day rallies in holiday areas at peak periods, particularly those involving members moving from one rally to the next in convoy. Movement of outfits in these circumstances should be spread over a period to avoid nuisance.
- The holding of successive five-day rallies in the same location is to be avoided.
- In popular holiday areas at peak holiday times (e.g. Bank Holidays) it is recommended that the movement of towed vans on the highway should be arranged, if possible, outside the periods of heaviest road use to avoid inconvenience to other road users.

#### **Site Access**

- Venues chosen should be situated, if possible, on good access roads of sufficient width to enable members' outfits to pass other traffic.
- The access to the rally field should be at least 9' 0" wide (2.75m), easily negotiable and clearly indicated.
- Where possible, avoid selecting a venue where access and egress are directly onto a busy "A" class road.

#### **Rally Duration**

- Do not permit any caravans to remain on the site after 5 x 24 hour periods have expired from the date and time of opening the rally, unless the rally is held under the terms and conditions of the ACCEO Para 4 Certificate.
- The 5 x 24 hour duration of a rally should include the arrival and departure times of the rally officers' outfits.
- If contemplation of the "28 Day Rule" is deemed appropriate for extending rally officers' attendance periods great care should be employed to ensure that regulations are not contravened. (See ACCEO Information Sheet 15, "The 28 Day Rule")