**CURRENT REGULATION OF PARK HOME ENERGY SUPPLY**

**3a LICENCING AUTHORITY and MODEL STANDARDS**

The current regulation of, and powers of enforcement for, park home site electrical infrastructure is captured within the site licence framework issued to the park owner by the local council, who are the licensing authority (LA).

**3b ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS**

In creating and reviewing a site licence, the LA ‘must have regard to the content of the document ***‘Model Standards 2008 for Caravan Sites in England, the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 – Section 5’.***

The relevant sections are included here for ease of reference.

***3b contd. Section 9.******Electrical Installations***

*(i) On the site there shall be installed an electricity network of adequate capacity to meet safely all reasonable demands of the caravans and other facilities and services within it.*

*(ii) The electrical network installations shall be subject to regulation under current relevant legislation and must be designed, installed, tested, inspected and maintained in accordance with the provisions of the current relevant statutory requirements.*

*(iii) Any work on electrical installations and appliances shall be carried out only by persons who are competent to do the particular type of work being undertaken, in accordance with current relevant statutory requirements.*

(iv) Any work on the electrical network within the site shall be done by a competent person fully conversant with the appropriate statutory requirements.

These requirements are addressed in more detail in the Explanatory Notes, as part of the Annex to Model Standards 2008 for Caravan Sites in England, as follows.

***3b contd. Electrical Installations***

*56. The electrical installations on the site will be a distributor’s network either belonging to the local regional electricity network operator or the owner of the site. The HSE website: www.hse.gov.uk contains information on the electricity legislation which may well apply to the site and can provide further information if needed.*

*57. A suitably qualified person for the purpose of carrying out work on electrical installations and appliances, including maintenance and inspections, includes a professionally qualified electrical engineer, a member of the Electrical Contractors Association, a contractor approved by the National Inspection Council for Electrical Installations Contracting, or a qualified person acting on behalf of the above.*

*58. It may be necessary to ensure the electricity distribution network complies with ESQCR, in which case such work should only be undertaken by a competent person familiar with those Regulations.*

*59. All new installations must meet the requirements of the current regulations and maintained at that standard.*

**3c ENFORCEMENT**

*60. In considering whether to take enforcement action for a breach of site licence conditions, officers should consult with the Health and Safety Executive to ensure any action taken by the authority is not in conflict with any action the HSE are proposing to take.*

*61. Local authority officials who identify significant areas of concern with site electrical networks and installations should always consult the HSE about the problem(s).*