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ATTENTION: Mr Ron Wallis / Environmental Health Project Officer

Your ref: EH/REW/ModCon08/1

Dear Mr Wallis,

## New Model Standards for Residential Caravan Sites

You have asked for comments on the above by end-November, although you have advised us that these revised conditions were extensively consulted on by the government prior to their implementation. We assume that you nevertheless welcome constructive comment.

We have only carefully reviewed the conditions pertinent to small, single family sites, but believe that our comments are valid for all sites.

We note that the revised draft conditions are heavily focused on the well-being of site residents. In relation to light, noise or other pollution emanating from the site, we see no standards that would benefit the site's neighbours, nor do we see any standards relating to the external appearance of the site, which would also benefit the site's neighbours. We would have thought that these considerations would be susceptible to treatment as standard conditions.

We have also reviewed the old conditions relating to such sites. As a result, we note:

 the old general conditions numbers 22 to 26 have not been fully carried through to the new conditions, including the banning of heavy goods or commercial vehicles from the site (unless making a delivery); and

old condition 27 appears to have been set aside i.e. "no caravan shall be brought onto the site for the purposes of human habitation until the foregoing conditions have been complied with".

Continuation of old conditions 22 to 26 would benefit the site's neighbours and continuation of old condition 27 would protect the site's inhabitants themselves from the impact of bad practices, as well as protecting the site's neighbours from indirect adverse impact of habitation of a site that does not meet standards.

We would be grateful if you would take our comments into consideration, as we are concerned that the government's extensive consultation has apparently not addressed the above matters.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Michelle Tatton

Clerk

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Dear Mr. Wallis.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 (as amended)
Consultation regarding adoption of New Model Standards for Residential Caravan Sites

I refer to your letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> October relating to the above which has been considered by my Council.

Lenham Parish Council feels very strongly that any site must be sustainable and within easy reach of schools and medical facilities and must not impact on any Conversation Area or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Yours sincerely,

Clerk

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