

To be read at the Cabinet Meeting to be held on 7th June 2010 at which the Adoption of Revised Caravan Site Licence Conditions will be presented.

This statement is presented by Abridge Park Residents Association, a fully recognised Residents Association with 93% of Abridge Park homes as members.

Statement:

We fully accept the replacement of garden sheds, we understand this to be a Government recommendation since 1989, although this has never been part of Abridge Park Rules (issued by Abridge Park Owners) and indeed the Park Owners themselves were installing wooden sheds with new homes as late as 1997.

We do disagree most strongly on the refusal to allow the retention of privacy fences between homes. It is our belief that everyone has a right to privacy, especially where homes are situated fairly close together, this is indeed why your own planning department will not allow windows in the side of loft extensions.

We fully understand that wooden fences are liable to burn, this applies to any home anywhere, and is particularly a risk in traditional homes that have large wooden sheds and garages very close to them - on both sides of the fence.

Why therefore are Park Homes being "picked upon" when, in traditional homes, the rear garden is regarded as nothing to do with the council even though the homes may actually be joined together.

This would seem to be victimisation.

In the recommendations to the Cabinet it states that new porches will require linked fire alarms, but this requirement is not retrospective. Why are existing fences to be removed, surely this should only apply to new fences.

We are all fully aware of the wish for 100% safety, especially Park Home residents, who are required by law to have fire extinguishers and fire blankets, but we all feel the risk is far outweighed by our right to personal privacy in this instance.

Could we please be informed of the history of fire occurrences in Park Homes and Park Home sheds/fences when compared to traditional homes?

We feel, as do 98% of Abridge Park residents in their petition that the condition regulating fences is too rigid and should not be totally retrospective.

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Mr Sally Devine
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Dear Mrs Devine

Adoption of Revised Standard Caravan Site Licence Conditions

The enclosed petition was instigated and the signatures collected by a non-member of this Association. At the time this Association was in discussions with Epping Forest District Council and the committee declined from being involved in the petition.

Our discussions however have had no effect on the wording of the proposed Site Licence Conditions and we, the committee, now find we have no alternative but to fully agree with and support the petition. This means that 98% of occupied homes on Abridge Park have put their names to the petition.

The following committee members, and their partners, agree to have their names added to the petition:

Mr Peter Baines	14 Abridge Park
Mr Bob Foster	4 Abridge Park
Mrs Annette Reynolds	12 Abridge Park
Mrs F Barker	54 Abridge Park
Mrs J Stevenson	64 Abridge Park
Mr E Bailey	68 Abridge Park
Mr G Wise	31 Abridge Park

In view of the total support for this petition, we would request most strongly that the attached statement is read to the "Cabinet" at the meeting on 7th June 2010.

Yours sincerely



Peter Baines
Chairman

On behalf of the committee and members of
Abridge Park Residents Association

Graham Wise
Secretary