



Caravan Sites Act 1968

1968 CHAPTER 52

PART II

GIPSY ENCAMPMENTS

Control of unauthorised encampments

[^{F1}11] **Orders for removal of unlawfully parked caravans and their occupants.**

- (1) In any area to which section 10 of this Act applies, a magistrates' court may, on a complaint made by a local authority, and if satisfied that a caravan is stationed on land within that Authority's area in contravention of that section, make an order requiring any caravan (whether or not identified in the order) which is so stationed on the land to be removed together with any person residing in it.
- (2) An order under this section may authorise the local authority to take such steps as are reasonably necessary to ensure that the order is complied with and in particular, may authorise the authority, by its officers and servants—
 - (a) to enter upon any land specified in the order; and
 - (b) to take, in relation to any caravan to be removed pursuant to the order, such steps for securing entry and rendering it suitable for removal as may be so specified.
- (3) The local authority shall not enter upon any occupied land unless they have given to the owner and occupier at least 24 hours notice of their intention to do so, or unless after reasonable inquiries they are unable to ascertain their names and addresses.
- (4) A person who intentionally obstructs any person acting in the exercise of any power conferred on him by an order under this section shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding [^{F2}level 3 on the standard scale].
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- (6) Where a complaint is made under this section, a summons issued by the court requiring the person or persons to whom it is directed to appear before the court to answer to the complaint may be directed—
- (a) to the occupant of a particular caravan stationed on the land in question; or
 - (b) to all occupants of caravans stationed there, without naming him or them.
- (7) Where it is impracticable to serve such a summons on a person named in it, it shall be treated as duly served on him if a copy of it is fixed in a prominent place to the caravan concerned; and where such a summons is directed to the unnamed occupants of caravans, it shall be treated as duly served on those occupants if a copy of it is fixed in a prominent place to every caravan stationed on the land in question at the time when service is thus effected.
- (8) The local authority shall take such steps as may be reasonably practicable to secure that a copy of any such summons is displayed on the land in question (otherwise than by being fixed to a caravan) in a manner designed to ensure that it is likely to be seen by any person camping on the land.
- (9) Notice of any such summons shall be given by the local authority to the owner of the land in question and to any occupier of that land unless, after reasonable inquiries, the authority is unable to ascertain the name and address of the owner or occupier; and the owner of any such land and any occupier of any such land shall be entitled to appear and to be heard in the proceedings.
- (10) Section 55(2) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (warrant for arrest of defendant failing to appear) does not apply to proceedings on a complaint made under this section.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 11 substituted by [Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 \(c. 65, SIF: 81:1, 2\)](#), s. 174
- F2** Words substituted by [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), s. 46
- F3** S. 11(5) repealed by [Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 \(c. 60, SIF 95\)](#), s. 121(1), [Sch. 7 Pt. I](#)

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