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Dear Mr Travers

**Re: Mrs Sadie PETERS, Joseph PETERS and George PETERS
Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths**

Thank you for your letter of 10 June 2016 addressed to Mr Chamberlain, The Club Chairman. I have spoken with Mr Chamberlain and am pleased to respond on his behalf.

The Caravan Club was very sorry to learn of this case and the sad deaths of Sadie, Joseph and George Peters.

The Caravan Club is a members' Club for owners of mobile touring caravans and motorhomes. We do provide a good deal of advice for our members on how to caravan safely.

The Club does offer advice and guidance to its members with regard to fire safety, and this includes a recommendation to fit a smoke detector complying with BS EN 54-7 to all members' outfits.

We do periodically remind members of the need to protect against the risk of fire, and I will be happy to build such a reminder of this into our monthly members' magazine, and other suitable publications.

I am advised by our technical team that the absence of a smoke detector was particularly unfortunate. It has been longstanding practice (since May 1989) for all new *touring* caravans which are subject to the National Caravan Council's Certification Scheme (all those made by NCC member manufacturers) to be fitted with a smoke detector. This would mean around 95% of all new caravans sold in the UK, I would estimate. It has further been a requirement from the same date that all second-hand touring caravans sold by NCC member dealers be so fitted. As such, the majority of touring caravans in use would, I expect be fitted with smoke detectors.

In terms of the constructional standards for caravans of all types (touring, static and indeed park homes), the representative body for the UK industry, the National Caravan Council would be better placed than The Caravan Club to take actions, and should, in my view, be included in the circulation of the Report.

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I am in regular contact with the Director General of the Camping and Caravanning Club, the National Caravan Council (also represent vehicle manufacturers and dealers) and the British Holiday and Home Parks Association (BH&HPA). I will make sure your letter is shared with these organisations.

Thank you for bringing the matter to our attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Lomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N".

Nick Lomas
Director General