

RUNNYMEDE BOROUGH COUNCIL

BYELAWS

ENGLEFIELD GREEN

Byelaws made by Runnymede Borough Council in pursuance of a Scheme approved under the provisions of the Commons Act 1899 with respect to Englefield Green and confirmed by the Secretary of State for Environment Food & Rural Affairs

1. In these byelaws:

"the Council" means Runnymede Borough Council.

"the Common" means the piece of land with ponds streams paths and roads thereon usually known as Englefield Green situate in the Borough of Runnymede in the County of Surrey and referred to as the 'Common' in the scheme approved under the Commons Act 1899, on 28 June 1955, by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

"the Scheme" means the scheme approved by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

2. **AIRCRAFT**

No person shall, except in case of emergency or with the consent of the Council, take off from or land upon the Common in an aircraft, helicopter, hang-glider or hot-air balloon.

3. **ARCHERY**

No person shall on the Common. Except in connection with an event organised by or with the consent of the Council, engage in the sport of archery, shot putting discus, hammer or javelin throwing.

4. **CAMPING**

No person shall on the Common, without the consent of the Council, erect a tent or use any vehicle, including a caravan, or any other structure for the purpose of camping.

5. **CHILDREN'S PLAY APPARATUS**

(i) No person who has attained the age of 11 years shall enter or remain or use any apparatus on or in the children's play area situate on the Common

(ii) This byelaw shall not apply to any person who is bona fide in charge of a child who has not attained the age of 11 years.

6. **CLIMBING**

No person shall, without reasonable excuse, climb any wall or fence on or enclosing the Common, or any tree, or any barrier, railing post or other structure.

7. **CYCLING**

No person who has attained of 11 years shall, without reasonable excuse, ride a cycle, except on any part of the Common where there is a right of way for cycles, or along such routes as may be fixed by the Council and indicated by signs placed in conspicuous positions on the Common.

8. **ERECTION OF STRUCTURES**

No person shall on the Common, except in connection with an event organised by or with the consent of the Council, erect any post, rail, fence, pole, tent, booth, stand, building or other structure.

9. **FIRES**

- (i) No person shall on the Common intentionally light a fire or a barbeque, or place, throw or let fall a lighted match or any other thing so as to be likely to cause a fire.
- (ii) This byelaw shall not prevent lighting or the use of a properly constructed camping stove or cooker in any area set aside for the purpose in such manner as not to cause danger of or damage by fire

10. **GAMES**

- (i) Where the Council has, by notice placed in a conspicuous position on the Common, set apart an area on the Common for the playing of such games as may be specified in the notice, no person shall:
 - (a) play in such area any game other than the game for which it has been set apart; or
 - (b) use any such area so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any person already using that area for any purpose for which it has been set apart; or
 - (c) play any game so specified in any other part of the Common in such manner as to exclude any person not playing the game from the use of that part.
- (ii) No person shall, in any area of the Common which may have been set apart by the Council for any game, play any game when the state of the Common or other cause makes it unfit for use and a notice is placed in a conspicuous position prohibiting play in that area of the Common.
- (iii)
 - (1) No person shall on the Common play any game:
 - (a) so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person on the Common; or
 - (b) which is likely to cause damage to any tree, shrub or plant on the Common.
 - (2) This byelaw shall not extend to any area set apart by the Council for the playing of any game.

11. **GOLF**

No person shall on the Common drive, chip or pitch a hard golf ball.

12. **GRAZING**

No person shall without the consent of the Council, turn out or permit any animal to graze on the Common.

13. **HORSES**

- (i) No person shall on the Common intentionally or negligently ride a horse to the danger of any other person using the Common.
- (ii) Where any part of the Common has, by notices placed in conspicuous positions on the Common, been set apart by the Council as an area where horse riding is permitted, no person shall without the consent of the Council, ride a horse on any other part of the Common.
- (iii) No person shall without the consent of the Council ride a horse within the area bounded by St Jude' Road, Bishop's Gate Road, Barley Mow Road and the highway adjacent to the Cricket Pavilion except that no person shall be prohibited from walking a horse within the distance of 5 metres of the perimeter of this part of the Common.

14. **Kites and Model Aircraft**

- (1) No person shall on the Common fly or cause or permit to be flown any kite in such a manner as to cause a danger or annoyance to any other persons.
- (2) No person shall on the Common fly or cause or permit to be flown any model aircraft or rocket (whether power driven or jet-propelled)

15. **METAL DETECTORS**

No person shall on the Common use any device designated or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the ground.

16. **MISSILES**

No person shall on the Common, to the danger or annoyance of any other person, throw or discharge any missile.

17. **NOISE**

- (i) No person on the Common shall, after being requested to desist by an officer of the Council, or by any person annoyed or disturbed, or by any person acting on his behalf:
 - (a) by shouting or singing;
 - (b) by playing on a musical instrument; or
 - (c) by operating or permitting to be operated any radio, gramophone, amplifier, tape recorder or similar instrument;cause or permit to be made any noise which is so loud or so continuous or repeated as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to other persons on the Common.
- (ii) This byelaw shall not apply to any person holding or taking part in any entertainment held with the consent of the Council.

18. **OBSTRUCTION**

No person shall on the Common:

- (a) intentionally obstruct any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his duties;
- (b) intentionally obstruct any person carrying out an act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council; or
- (c) intentionally obstruct any other person in the proper use of the Common, or behave so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons on the Common.

19. **PARKING**

No person shall without the consent of the Council or otherwise in the exercise of any right or privilege draw, ride, drive, place, park or leave upon the Common or any part of the Common any carriage, cart, caravan, truck, cycle, motorcycle or other vehicle, except in the case of accident or emergency. Provided That where a space is set apart on the Common for any class of vehicle this byelaw shall not be deemed to prohibit the riding or driving in or to that place by a direct route of any vehicle of the class for which the space is set apart.

20. **PENALTY**

Any person offending against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

21. **PROTECTION OF FLOWER BEDS, TREES, GRASS, ETC**

- (i) No person who brings or causes to be brought onto the Common a vehicle shall wheel or park it over or upon:
 - (a) any flower bed, shrub or plant, or any ground in the course of preparation as a flower bed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant; or
 - (b) any part of the Common where the Council, by notice placed in a conspicuous position in the ground, prohibits its being wheeled or parked.
- (ii) No person shall on the Common tread upon:
 - (a) any flower bed, shrub or plant, or any ground in the course of preparation as a flower bed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant; or
 - (b) any part of the Common set aside for the renovation of grass or turf, where adequate notice to keep off such grass or turf is exhibited.

22. **PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE**

No person shall on the Common intentionally kill, injure, take or disturb any animal or fish, or engage in hunting, shooting or fishing, or setting of traps or nets, or the laying of snares.

23. **PUBLIC SHOWS, EXHIBITIONS AND STRUCTURES**

No person shall on the Common, without the consent of the Council, place or take part in any show, fair or exhibition, or set up any swing, roundabout or other like thing

24. **REMOVAL OF STRUCTURES**

No person shall, without reasonable excuse, remove from or displace on the Common any barrier, railing, post or seat, or any part of any structure or ornament, or any implement provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the Common.

25. **REMOVAL OF SUBSTANCES**

No person shall remove from or displace on the Common any stone, soil of turf or the whole or part of any plant shrub or tree.

26. **REMOVAL OF VEHICLES, ANIMALS AND STRUCTURES**

Any officer of the Council may, after due warning, remove from the Common any vehicle or animal drawn, driven or placed on the Common, or any structure (including a caravan) erected or placed thereon, in contravention of the Scheme, or of any of these byelaws.

27. **REPAIRING OF VEHICLES**

No person shall clean, paint or carry out repairs to any vehicle parked on the Common, except in the event of an accident, breakdown or other emergency.

28. **SAVINGS**

- (1) An act necessary to the proper execution of his duty on the Common by an officer of the Council, or any act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council, shall not be an offence under these byelaws
- (2) Nothing in or done under any of the provisions of these byelaws shall in any respect prejudice or injuriously affect any public right of way through the Common, or the rights of any person acting legally by virtue of some estate right or interest in, over or affecting the Common or any part thereof.

29. **SKATEBOARDING AND ROLLER SKATING**

No person shall on the Common, skate on rollers, skateboards, wheels or other mechanical contrivances in such a manner as to cause danger or nuisance or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons on the Common.

30. **TRADING**

No person shall on the Common, without the consent of the Council, sell, or offer or expose for sale, or let to hire, or offer or expose for letting to hire, any commodity or article.

31. **VEHICLES AND CYCLES**

- (1) No person shall, without reasonable excuse, ride or drive a cycle, motor cycle, motor vehicle caravan horse drawn carriage or any other mechanically propelled vehicle on the Common, or bring or cause to be brought on to the Common a motor cycle, motor vehicle, trailer, or any other mechanically propelled vehicle (other than a cycle), except in any part of the Common where there is a right of way for that class of vehicle.
- (2) If the Council has set apart a space on the Common for the use by vehicles of any class this byelaw shall not prevent the riding or driving of those vehicles in the space so set apart, or on a route, indicated by signs placed in conspicuous positions, between it and the entrance to the Common.

(3) This byelaw shall not extend to invalid carriages.

(4) In this byelaw:

"cycle" means a bicycle, a tricycle, a monocyte, or a cycle having four or more wheels, not being in any case a motor cycle or motor vehicle;

"invalid carriage" means a vehicle, whether mechanically propelled or not, the unladen weight of which does not exceed 150 kilograms, the width of which does not exceed 0.85 metres and which has been constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of one person, being a person suffering from some physical defect or disability and is used solely by such person

"motor cycle" means a mechanically propelled vehicle, not being an invalid carriage, with fewer than four wheels and the weight of which unladen does not exceed 410 kilograms;

"motor Vehicle" means a mechanically propelled vehicle, not being an invalid carriage, intended or adapted for use on roads;

"trailer" means a vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle or a horse, and includes a caravan, a cart and a carriage

32. **REVOCATION**

The byelaws made

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On 13 May 1958 26 November 1975 and [] 1979

and confirmed by.....

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relating to the Common are hereby revoked.

