



# RUNNYMEDE BOROUGH COUNCIL

## ENGLEFIELD GREEN COMMITTEE

29 JUNE 2005

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Runnymede Borough CouncilENGLEFIELD GREEN COMMITTEE23 February 2005 at 7.00 p.m.

Members of the Committee present      Councillors H.W.V. Meares (Chairman), Mrs. C.Y. Jones and K.J.T. Walmsley

Members of the Committee absent:      Councillors J.E. Haas, Miss M.N. Heath and N Thewlis

539. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 1 December 2004 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

540. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor N. Thewlis, and from the Resident's Representatives, Mr A.E. Panter (Vice-Chairman) and Mrs. M.E. J. Bairstow.

541. BYELAWS

(Ref: Minutes of Englefield Green Committee December 2004, page 463, para. 369)

The Committee compared the existing byelaws applicable to Englefield Green with the new model byelaws produced by the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). At its last meeting in December 2004, the Committee had received details of the model byelaws available for adoption in respect of common land and town or village greens (known as "Commons model byelaws") and had requested that a report be presented setting out details of those model byelaws applicable to the Green and the way in which they compared with the existing byelaws. For the purposes of the model byelaws, the Green was classed as a "Common". Any proposed amendments to the current Englefield Green byelaws would also need to be submitted to the Crown for approval under the terms of the Council's Lease and would need to be approved and confirmed by the Secretary of State for DEFRA.

The Vice-Chairman, Mr Panter, had submitted some comments on the new DEFRA model byelaws. He did not believe that it was necessary to incorporate all of them and did not think that number 39 was restrictive enough. He had also suggested that number 44 should include fairs and that restrictions on horse riding on the Green should be maintained.

The Committee did not wish to be unduly prescriptive in recommending byelaws but did want to provide an appropriate level of control over the Green. The Committee decided to recommend most of the DEFRA model byelaws as set out, to recommend some of them with variations to be drafted by Officers, to delete some of them and to recommend retaining some of the existing byelaws rather than agreeing the DEFRA model byelaw alternatives. It was agreed that Officers would produce a report and set of byelaws for the Committee's next meeting, incorporating the Committee's changes.

A full Schedule of the Committee's recommendations is set out at Appendix 'A'.

**RESOLVED that -**

**Officers submit a report to the Committee's next meeting with a revised set of new byelaws reflecting the Committee's recommendations as set out at Appendix 'A'.**

542. ENGLEFIELD GREEN CRICKET PAVILION  
(Ref: Minutes of Englefield Green Committee, December 2002, page 855, para. 475)

The Committee was updated on the present position regarding the Englefield Green Cricket Pavilion. In December 2002, the Committee had resolved to terminate the lease to the Pavilion Trustees and had authorised the Director of Administration and Leisure to take legal action to achieve this if necessary. Upon termination of the lease a new lease was to be offered to the Trustees of the Cricket Club. One Trustee had initially refused to surrender the lease but following further discussions with the Legal Section had now reluctantly agreed to surrender. The necessary paperwork had been forwarded to the Trustee and completion was awaited. In the meantime, discussions were being held with the Cricket Club regarding a new lease and a detailed report would be brought back to the Committee on conclusion of the negotiations. The Committee agreed that they should receive a copy of the draft lease to the Trustees of the Cricket Club. The Committee discussed whether the lease should itemise a specific level of community use, rather than commercial use of the Club's facilities. It was agreed that Officers should request details from the Club of their management plan for the future, including the types of hiring which the club envisaged for the facility, so that the Committee could decide whether or not to recommend that a clause requiring exclusive community use be included in the lease to the Club. The Club's response on this issue would be included in the forthcoming report to the Committee.

543. MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE GREEN  
(Ref: Minutes of Englefield Green Committee, July 2004, page 184, para. 130 and December 2004, page 463, para. 372)

The Committee was updated with regard to matters raised at previous meetings, concerning the management and maintenance of the Green, some of which had been raised by the Honorary Wardens. The Committee had previously approved the replacement of the litter bin close to the junction of Barley Mow Road and St Jude's Road with a 90 litre capacity rustic style bin. Several of the other litter bins on the Green required replacement as soon as possible and the Committee agreed that the rustic style of bin enhanced the appearance of the Green and should be adopted as the standard. The Crown Estate had confirmed that it did not use a specific style of bin on its land, preferring as a matter of policy not to provide bins in the hope that visitors took their litter home.

Wooden posts had now been installed to prevent parking along the edge of the grass verge in Bishopsgate Road, at its junction with St Jude's Road. The issue of commercial vehicles parking in the lay-by behind the Green had been discussed with the Council's parking enforcement team who had agreed to start placing warning notices on such vehicles seen using the lay-by. It was hoped that this would be sufficient to deal with the problem. If not it might be necessary to seek a Traffic Regulation Order.

Officers had consulted the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) in respect of children's goalposts. Having discussed the matter with the HSE, Officers were satisfied that the current safety concerns related only to freestanding football goalposts and not fixed goalposts of the type used on the Green. A report was due to be presented to the Committee in June on whether the goalpost should be re-erected for the school summer holiday period.

The Committee also noted that works to realign Footpath 19, which ran through the woodland parallel to Coopers Hill Lane, had now been completed by Surrey County Council, that the tubular steel barrier between the footway and the road at the junction of St Jude's Road was in the process of being repaired by Surrey County Council and that daffodils had been planted on the verge behind the barrier in Autumn 2004. The Committee also agreed that Runnymede Property Services be asked to request the Electricity Board to satisfactorily reinstate the area opposite the Pavilion.

At its meeting in July 2004 the Committee had received details of a proposal by Surrey County Council to link the footway between Barley Mow Road and the Coach House in the interests of road safety. The scheme entailed the construction of a 1.8m wide footway on the southern section of Northcroft Road, widening the carriageway slightly onto the traffic island which formed part of the Crown land. Approval had been given in principle to the loss of the small strip of grass verge on the traffic island to facilitate the scheme. It was understood that Surrey County Council had not yet progressed the scheme further and was still to approach the Crown Estate for its consent. The Committee considered that there was insufficient room at this location and therefore this was a

project which ought to come into effect soon. The Committee also noted that the traffic calming introduced by the County Council at the Tite Hill/Middle Hill junction appeared to be working well. It was therefore agreed that the County Council be asked to progress the Northcroft Road footway extension as speedily as possible and also be complimented on the effectiveness of their traffic calming measures at the Tite Hill/Middle Hill junction.

At its last meeting, the Committee had approved details of a horse route through the woodland area of the Green, parallel with Bishopsgate Road. Starting 5 - 10 metres into the woods from Bishopsgate Road, it linked the existing horse route before following the line of least resistance through the woods, emerging into St. Jude's Road at a natural break in the trees, almost opposite Coopers Hill Lane. The horse route had now been finished. Surrey County Council had completed risk assessments and were satisfied that the route was safe, including at the point where the path exited onto St. Jude's Road. Warning signs for motorists would be affixed by Surrey County Council. Horse route signs had been ordered, to assist users of the route.

The Committee had also noted at its last meeting that the Council's grounds maintenance contractor had made an attempt to slit the surface of the Green in order to break through a layer of compacted soil which was adversely affecting the condition of the grass. Further attempts would continue to be made by the grounds maintenance contractor to alleviate the problem, using a tractor and a piece of equipment known as a vertidrain.

**RESOLVED that -**

**rustic style litter bins of the type newly installed close to the junction of Barley Mow Road and St Jude's Road be adopted as the standard and used to replace bins as it becomes necessary to do so.**

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 8.20 p.m.)

## 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, except on any area which may be set apart and indicated by notice as a place where camping is permitted.

5. **CHILDREN'S PLAY APPARATUS**

- (i) No person who has attained the age of 14 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 under the age of 14 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 over the age of 14 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 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 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 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 the Council 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**

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

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 monocycle, 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 vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle or a horse, and includes a caravan, a cart and a carriage

32. **REVOCATION**

The byelaws made

by.....

On 13 May 1958 26 November 1975 and [     ] 1979

and confirmed by.....

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relating to the Common are hereby revoked.

A.J. & M.T. Power  
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23<sup>rd</sup> May 2005

Summer Holidays Football Goal Post on The Green

Dear

*My neighbours and other residents, have once again, asked me to write to you, to ask that when you are debating the Summer Holiday Junior Football Goal Post on The Green, at the next Englefield Green Committee meeting, to please bear in mind that the Goal Post continues to be:*

***Unused (b) Unsightly and (c) Unnecessary.*** (See attached photo)

*Its permanence, even for the six-week school holiday period, will create a very dangerous precedent for the future, especially in a conservation area.*

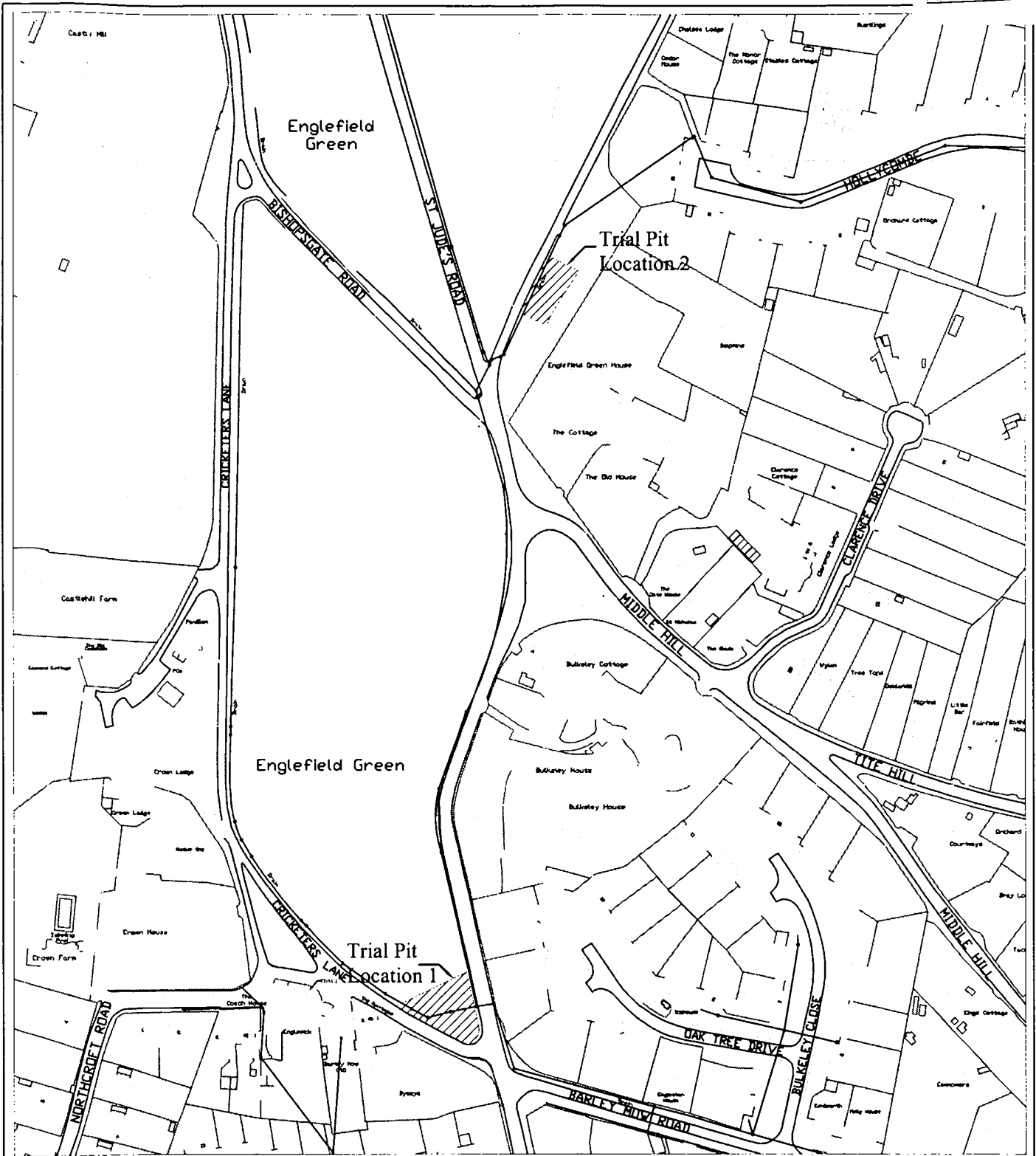
*We urge you to press for its discontinuance.*

*The vast majority of letters received by the Borough Council, when the Football Posts were first erected, were against goal posts on The Green. If you remember the official count was 51 against the Goal Posts to 10 in favour.*

*Many of us feel that the finally ending the goal post experiment will go a long way to help to heal the unfortunate division that their original erection caused among the local community.*



*Yours sincerely*

*Andy Power  
Honorary Warden*



**NOTES**

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 SU9971SW

-  Existing Ditch
-  Surface Water System

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 Location of Trial Pit Tests

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