

EAST HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**BYELAWS FOR PLEASURE GROUNDS, PUBLIC  
WALKS AND OPEN SPACES**

ARRANGEMENT OF BYELAWS

**NORTHERN PARKLAND – ST MICHAEL’S MEAD**

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Byelaws made under sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 by East Hertfordshire District Council with respect to all that area of open space land at St Michael's Mead, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire known as the Northern Parkland and delineated hatched red on the plan annexed to these byelaws.

## **PART 1**

### **GENERAL**

#### **General Interpretation**

1. In these byelaws:

“the Council” means East Hertfordshire District Council;

“the ground” means all that area of open space land at St Michael's Mead, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire known as the Northern Parkland and delineated hatched red on the plan annexed to these byelaws;

“designated area” means an area in the ground which is set aside for a specified purpose, that area and its purpose to be indicated by notices placed in a conspicuous position;

“invalid carriage” means a vehicle, whether mechanically propelled or not,

- (a) the unladen weight of which does not exceed 150 kilograms,
- (b) the width of which does not exceed 0.85 metres, and
- (c) which has been constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of a person suffering from a disability, and used solely by such a person.

#### **Application**

2. These byelaws apply to all that area of open space land at St Michael's Mead, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire known as the Northern Parkland and delineated hatched red on the plan annexed to these byelaws.

## **PART 2**

### **PROTECTION OF THE GROUND, ITS WILDLIFE AND THE PUBLIC**

#### **Protection of structures and plants**

3. (1) No person shall without reasonable excuse remove from or displace within the ground:
- (a) any barrier, post, seat or implement, or any part of a structure or ornament provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the ground; or
  - (b) any stone, soil or turf or the whole or any part of any plant, shrub or tree.

- (2) No person shall walk on or ride, drive or station a horse or any vehicle over:
  - (a) any flower bed, shrub or plant;
  - (b) any ground in the course of preparation as a flower bed or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant; or
  - (c) any part of the ground set aside by the Council for the renovation of turf or for other landscaping purposes and indicated by a notice conspicuously displayed.

#### **Unauthorised erection of structures**

- 4. No person shall without the consent of the Council erect any barrier, post, ride or swing, building or any other structure.

#### **Grazing**

- 5. No person shall without the consent of the Council turn out or permit any animal for which he is responsible to graze in the ground.

#### **Protection of wildlife**

- 6. No person shall kill, injure, take or disturb any animal, or engage in hunting or shooting or the setting of traps or the laying of snares.

#### **Camping**

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

#### **Fires**

- 8.
  - (1) No person shall light a fire or place, throw or drop a lighted match or any other thing likely to cause a fire.
  - (2) Byelaw 8(1) shall not apply to the lighting of a fire at any event for which the Council has given permission that fires may be lit.

#### **Missiles**

- 9. No person shall throw or use any device to propel or discharge in the ground any object which is liable to cause injury to any other person.

## **PART 3**

### **HORSES, CYCLES AND VEHICLES**

#### **Interpretation of Part 3**

10. In this Part:

“designated route” means a route in or through the ground which is set aside for a specified purpose, its route and that purpose to be indicated by notices placed in a conspicuous position;

“motor cycle” means a mechanically-propelled vehicle, not being an invalid carriage, with less than four wheels and the weight of which does not exceed 410 kilograms;

“motor vehicle” means any mechanically-propelled vehicle other than a motor cycle or an invalid carriage;

“trailer” means a vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle and includes a caravan.

#### **Horses**

11. (1) No person shall ride a horse except:
- (a) on a designated route for riding; or
  - (b) in the exercise of a lawful right or privilege.
- (2) Where horse-riding is permitted by virtue of byelaw 11(1)(a) or a lawful right or privilege, no person shall ride a horse in such a manner as to cause danger to any other person.

#### **Motor vehicles**

12. (1) No person shall without reasonable excuse bring into or drive in the ground a motor cycle, motor vehicle or trailer except in any part of the ground where there is a right of way for that class of vehicle.

#### **Overnight parking**

13. No person shall without the consent of the Council leave or cause or permit to be left any motor vehicle in the ground between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m..

## **PART 4**

### **PLAY AREAS, GAMES AND SPORTS**

#### **Cricket**

14. No person shall throw or strike a cricket ball with a bat except in a designated area for playing cricket.

## **Golf**

15. No person shall drive, chip or pitch a hard golf ball.

## **PART 5**

### **MODEL AIRCRAFT**

#### **Interpretation of Part 5**

16. In this Part:

“model aircraft” means an aircraft which weighs not more than 7 kilograms without its fuel;

“power-driven” means driven by:

- (a) the combustion of petrol vapour or other combustible substances;
- (b) jet propulsion or by means of a rocket, other than by means of a small reaction motor powered by a solid fuel pellet not exceeding 2.54 centimetres in length; or
- (c) one or more electric motors or by compressed gas.

#### **General prohibition**

17. No person shall cause any power-driven model aircraft to:
- (a) take off or otherwise be released for flight or control the flight of such an aircraft in the ground; or
  - (b) land in the ground without reasonable excuse.

## **PART 6**

### **OTHER REGULATED ACTIVITIES**

#### **Metal detectors**

18. No person shall without the consent of the Council use any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the ground.

## **PART 7**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Obstruction**

19. No person shall obstruct:
- (a) any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his duties;
  - (b) any person carrying out an act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council; or
  - (c) any other person in the proper use of the ground.

#### **Savings**

20. (1) It shall not be an offence under these byelaws for an officer of the Council or any person acting in accordance with a contract with the Council to do anything necessary to the proper execution of his duty.
- (2) Nothing in or done under these byelaws shall in any respect prejudice or injuriously affect any public right of way through the ground, or the rights of any person acting lawfully by virtue of some estate, right or interest in, over or affecting the ground or any part of the ground.

#### **Removal of offenders**

21. Any person offending against any of these byelaws may be removed from the ground by an officer of the Council or a constable.

#### **Penalty**

22. 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.

THE COMMON SEAL of EAST  
HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
was hereunto affixed in the presence of

Director of Corporate Governance

Dated this                      day of                      2007

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