

## LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

### BYELAWS FOR COMMONS

**BYELAWS** made by the Council of the London Borough of Bromley under the Metropolitan Commons (Orpington) Supplemental Act 1901, the Metropolitan Commons (Farnborough) Supplemental Act 1904, the Metropolitan Commons Scheme Confirmation Act, 1909 the Kent Review Order 1934, the Bromley Corporation Act 1953, the London Government Act 1963, and the Local Law (South East London Boroughs) Order 1965.

- (1) Throughout these byelaws the expression “the Council” means the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the London Borough of Bromley acting by the Council of the borough, the expression “the Commons” means each of the pieces of land commonly called or known by the names of Broom Hill Common, Darrick Common, Gumping Common and Sparrow Common as the same are delineated in a plan sealed by the Board of Agriculture and referred to as “the Commons” in the Scheme confirmed by the Metropolitan Commons (Orpington) Supplemental Act 1901, Farnborough Common Broad Street Green, Leach’s Green and Green Street Green and certain roadside strips as the same are delineated in a plan sealed by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries and therein coloured green and referred to as “the Commons” in the Scheme confirmed by the Metropolitan Commons Scheme Confirmation Act 1909, Hayes Common as defined in section 5 of the Bromley Corporation Act 1953 and the expression “power-driven model aircraft” means any model aircraft driven by the combustion of petrol vapour or other combustible substances.
- (2) An act necessary for the proper execution of his duty on the Commons by an officer of the Council, or by any person or servant of any person employed by the Council, shall not be deemed an offence against these byelaws.
- (3) A person shall not on the Commons

- (i) wilfully, carelessly, or negligently soil or defile any barrier, railing, post of seat or any erection or ornament on the Commons;
  - (ii) climb any wall or fence on or enclosing the Commons or any barrier, railing post or other erection;
  - (iii) wilfully carelessly, or negligently remove or displace any barrier, railing post or seat, or any part of any erection or ornament or any implement provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the Commons.
- (4) A person shall not without lawful authority set traps or nets, or lay snares for game or other animals, or shoot or chase or suffer any dog belonging to him or in his charge to chase game or other animals on the Commons.
- (5) -A person shall not without lawful authority drive or ride upon the Commons any bicycle, tricycle or other similar machine (unless it is a bicycle, tricycle or other similar machine being wheeled and not ridden or a wheelchair, or perambulator used solely for the Conveyance of a child or children or an invalid).
- (6) A person shall not throw or let fall any lighted or combustible substance, article or thing, upon the Commons so as to cause or be likely to cause danger of fire.
- (7) A person shall not without lawful authority erect or place on the Commons any hut, platform, booth, tent show, exhibition, swing, roundabout, or other like thing or any past, signpost, notice board or other like thing.
- (8) Where the Council set apart for cricket, football, or other organised games any portion or portions of the Commons, a person shall not play cricket, football or any other organised game on the Commons except on such portion or portions as have been set apart for this purpose.
- (9) A person shall not play any musical instrument on the Commons so as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to other persons on the Commons. Provided that this byelaw shall not

apply to any band or other musical performance given on the Commons in pursuance of an agreement with the Council.

- (10) Any person who by operating or causing or suffering to be operated any wireless set, gramophone, amplifier, or similar instrument on the Commons, makes or causes or suffers to be made any noise which is too loud and so continuous or repeated as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to other persons on the Commons shall be guilty of an offence. Provided that this byelaw shall not apply to any wireless set, gramophone, amplifier or similar instrument used by any person taking part in a concert or other performance or event held on the Commons in pursuance of an agreement with the Council.
- (11) A person shall not without lawful authority dry or bleach clothes or other articles on the Common.
- (12) Where the Council set apart any such part of the Commons as may be fixed by the Council, and described in a notice board affixed or set up in some conspicuous part of the Commons, for the holding of meetings, a person shall not without lawful authority hold or take part in any meeting in any space elsewhere in the Commons.
- (13) A person shall not on any part of the Commons wilfully obstruct, disturb, interrupt annoy or commit any act to the danger of any person in the use of the Commons for exercise or recreation.
- (14) A person shall not ride, bring or cause to be brought on to any part of the Commons any horse except on such part or parts of the Commons which by notices conspicuously exhibited near thereto, may be set apart by the Council for the purpose of horseriding.
- (15) A person shall not fly any power-driven model aircraft on the Commons.
- (16) A person shall not on the Commons
- (i) bathe, wade, or wash in any ornamental lake, pond, stream or other water;
  - (ii) wilfully, carelessly or negligently foul or pollute any such water;

- (iii) wilfully disturb or worry any water fowl;
- (iv) except in pursuance of a lawful agreement with the Council or otherwise in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege fish in any lake or stream, or otherwise take injure or destroy or attempt to take injure or destroy any fish in any such water;
- (v) except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege take or cause to be taken on to any lake or stream any  
boat or craft of any kind;
- (vi) break or injure ice on any pond on the Commons, or throw or place any stone or other substance or article on any such ice so as to render the same less suitable for skating or sliding.
- (17) Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds in the case of Hayes Common and five pounds in the case of all other commons.
- (18) In respect of Hayes Common only it shall be lawful for any officer of the Council or constable to remove from the Common any person infringing any of the foregoing byelaws and to remove from the Common, after due warning has been given, any vehicle or animal drawn, driven or places or any structure erected or placed thereon in contravention of any of the foregoing byelaws.
- (19) Repeal of Byelaws

On the coming into operation of these byelaws the four series of byelaws for the prevention of nuisance and preservation of order on the Commons which were made by the Council of the London Borough of Bromley on the 2nd day of January 1967 and confirmed by the Secretary of State on the 3rd day of June 1967 shall be revoked.

- (20) These byelaws shall come into operation one calendar month after the date on which they are confirmed by the Secretary of State.

THE COMMON SEAL OF

THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN  
AND BURGESSES OF THE  
L.S. LONDON BOROUGH OF  
• BROMLEY was hereunto

affixed this 1 2th day of December 1 974 in the presence of:K.V. Crask

Mayor

J.H. Stevens

Deputy Town Clerk

The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of state and shall come into operation on the date hereof.

Signed by authority of  
The Secretary of State

(R.F.D. Shuffrey)  
An assisstant Under  
Secretary of State

Home Office  
WHITEHALL

30<sup>th</sup> March 1976

The foregoing is a true copy of the byelaws as confirmed.

P.J.BUNTING  
Chief Executive

Handling of Plants or Council Property  
The Theft Act 1968

Abandoning rubbish and litter  
Civic Amenities Act 1967

Guns  
Firearms Act 1968

Vehicles on Commons  
Law of Property Act 1925

Malicious damage  
Criminal Damage Act 1972