

BYELAWS - LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS

PLEASURE GROUNDS, PUBLIC WALKS AND OPEN SPACES

BYELAWS MADE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN UNDER SECTION 164 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1875 WITH RESPECT TO LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS.

INTERPRETATION

1. In these Byelaws

"the Council" means the Council of THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN;

"the ground" mean LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS

OPENING TIMES

2. On any day, which the ground is open to the public, no person shall enter it before the time, or enter or remain in it after the time, indicated by a notice placed in a conspicuous position at the entrance to the ground.

VEHICLES

3. (i) No person shall, without reasonable excuse, ride or drive a cycle, motor cycle, motor vehicle or any other mechanically propelled vehicle in the ground, or bring or cause to be brought into the ground a motor cycle, or motor vehicle, trailer or any other mechanically propelled vehicle (other than a cycle) except in any part of the ground where there is a right of way for that class of vehicle.

(ii) If the Council has set apart a space in the ground for 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 ground.

(iii) This Byelaw shall not extend to invalid carriages.

(iv) In this Byelaw;

"cycle" means a bicycle, tricycle, or 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 a person;

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

"trailer" means a vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle, and includes a caravan.

CLIMBING

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

REMOVAL OF STRUCTURES

5. No person shall, without reasonable excuse, remove from or displace in the ground any barrier, railings, 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 ground.

ERECTION OF STRUCTURES

6. No person shall in the ground, without the consent of the Council, erect any post, rail, fence, pole, tent, booth, stand, building or other structure.

TRADING

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

GRAZING

8. No person shall, without the consent of the Council, turnout or permit any animal to graze in the ground.

PROTECTION OF FLOWER BEDS, TREES GRASS, etc

9. No person who brings or causes to be brought into the ground 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 flowerbed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant; or
 - (b) any part of the ground where the Council, by a notice placed in a conspicuous position in the ground, prohibits its being wheeled or parked.
10. No person shall in the ground enter upon:
 - (a) any flower bed, shrub or plant, or any ground in the course of preparation as a flowerbed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant; or
 - (b) any part of the ground set aside for the renovation of grass or turf, where adequate notice to keep off such grass or turf is exhibited.

GAMES

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

BATHING AND POLLUTION OF WATER

14. No person shall in the ground:
- (a) bathe, wade or wash in any ornamental lake, pond, stream or other water; or
 - (b) intentionally, carelessly or negligently foul or pollute any such water.

OBSTRUCTION

15. No person shall in the ground:
- [a] intentionally obstruct any officer of the Council in the proper execution of their 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 ground, or behave so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons in the ground.

SAVINGS

16. [i] An act necessary to the proper execution of their duties in the ground by an officer of the Council, or any act which is necessary to the proper execution or any contract with the Council, shall not be an offence under these Byelaws.
- [ii] 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 ground or the rights of any person acting legally by virtue of some estate, right or interest in, over, or affecting the ground or any part thereof.

REMOVAL OF OFFENDERS

17. Any person offending against any of these Byelaws may be removed from the ground by an Officer of the Council or Constable.

PENALTY

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

REVOCAATION

19. The Byelaws made by the council on 18 October 1973 and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on 28 January 1974 in so far as they relate to the ground are hereby revoked.

THE COMMON SEAL OF THE MAYOR AND BURGESSES OF THE LONDON BOROUGH CAMDEN

was hereunto affixed by Order:- STEVE PALMER

This eleventh day of January 1994

The foregoing Byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State and shall come into operation on the fourth day of July 1994.

4th July 1994
Home Office
London
SW1

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State
M.E. HEAD
An Assistant Under-Secretary of State