

# ***London Borough of Southwark***

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Byelaws made under section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875 and sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 by the London Borough of Southwark with respect to pleasure grounds, public walks and open spaces.

## **PART 1 GENERAL**

### **General Interpretation**

1. In these byelaws:

“the Council” means the London Borough of Southwark;

“the ground” means any of the grounds listed in Schedule 1;

“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 of the grounds listed in Schedule 1 unless otherwise stated.

### **Opening times**

3. (1) No person shall enter or remain in the ground except during opening hours.
- (2) “Opening hours” means the days and times during which the ground is open to the public and which are indicated by a notice placed in a conspicuous position at the entrance to the ground.
- (3) Byelaw 3(1) applies only to the grounds listed in Part 1 of Schedule 2.

## **PART 2**

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

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

4. (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**

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

#### **Climbing**

6. 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.

#### **Grazing**

7. 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**

8. 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.

#### **Fires**

9. (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 9 (1) shall not apply to:

- (a) the lighting of a fire at any event for which the Council has given permission that fires may be lit.

### **Missiles**

- 10. 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.

### **Interference with life-saving equipment**

- 11. No person shall except in case of emergency remove from or displace within the ground or otherwise tamper with any life-saving appliance provided by the Council.

## **PART 3**

### **HORSES AND CYCLES**

#### **Horses**

- 12. (1) No person shall ride a horse except:
  - (a) in Dulwich Park; or
  - (b) in the exercise of a lawful right or privilege.
- (2) Where horse-riding is permitted in any ground by virtue of byelaw 12(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.

#### **Cycling**

- 13. No person shall without reasonable excuse ride a cycle on the Riverside Walk at Bankside between Bank End and Blackfriars Rail Bridge as indicated by black hatching on the plan attached to these byelaws.

## **PART 4**

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

#### **Interpretation of Part 4**

- 14. In this Part:

“self-propelled vehicle” means a vehicle other than a cycle, invalid carriage or pram which is propelled by the weight or force of one or more persons skating, sliding or riding on the vehicle or by one or more persons pulling or pushing the vehicle.

### **Children's play areas**

15. (1) No person aged 14 years or over shall enter or remain in a designated area which is a children's play area unless in charge of a child under the age of 14 years.
- (2) Byelaw 15(1) applies only to the grounds listed in Part 1 of Schedule 2.

### **Children's play apparatus**

16. No person aged 14 years or over shall use any apparatus stated to be for the exclusive use of persons under the age of 14 years by a notice conspicuously displayed on or near the apparatus.

### **Skateboarding, etc**

17. No person shall skate, slide or ride on rollers, skateboards or other self-propelled vehicles in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons.

### **Cricket**

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

### **Archery**

19. No person shall engage in the sport of archery except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Council.

### **Field sports**

20. No person shall throw or put any javelin, hammer, discus or shot except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Council or on land set aside by the Council for that purpose.

### **Golf**

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

## **PART 5**

### **WATERWAYS**

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

22. In this Part:

“boat” means any yacht, motor boat or similar craft but not a model or toy boat;

“power-driven” means driven by the combustion of petrol vapour or other combustible substances;

“waterway” means any river, lake, pool or other body of water and includes any fountain.

#### **Bathing**

23. (1) No person shall without reasonable excuse bathe or swim in any waterway.

(2) Byelaw 23(1) applies only to the grounds listed in Part 3 of Schedule 2.

#### **Ice skating**

24. (1) No person shall step onto or otherwise place their weight upon any frozen waterway.

(2) Byelaw 24(1) applies only to the grounds listed in Part 3 of Schedule 2.

#### **Boats**

25. (1) No person shall sail or operate any boat, dinghy, canoe, sailboard or inflatable on any waterway without the consent of the Council except in a designated area for the sailing or operation of boats.

(2) Byelaw 25(1) applies only to the grounds listed in Part 3 of Schedule 2.

#### **Fishing**

26. (1) No person shall in any waterway cast a net or line for the purpose of catching fish or other animals except in a designated area for fishing.

(2) Byelaw 26(1) applies only to the grounds listed in Part 3 of Schedule 2.

#### **Pollution**

27. (1) No person shall foul or pollute any waterway.

(2) Byelaw 27(1) applies only to the grounds listed in Part 3 of Schedule 2.

### **Blocking of watercourses**

28. (1) No person shall cause or permit the flow of any drain or watercourse in the ground to be obstructed, diverted, open or shut or otherwise move or operate any sluice or similar apparatus.
- (2) Byelaw 28(1) applies only to the grounds listed in Part 3 of Schedule 2.

## **PART 6**

### **MODEL AIRCRAFT**

#### **Interpretation of Part 6**

29. 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.

“radio control” means control by a radio signal from a wireless transmitter or similar device.

#### **General prohibition**

30. 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 7**

### **OTHER REGULATED ACTIVITIES**

#### **Provision of services**

31. No person shall without the consent of the Council provide or offer to provide any service for which a charge is made.



### **Excessive noise**

32. (1) No person shall, after being requested to desist by any other person in the ground, make 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 in the ground by:
- (a) shouting or singing;
  - (b) playing on a musical instrument; or
  - (c) by operating or permitting to be operated any radio, amplifier, tape recorder or similar device.
- (2) Byelaw 32(1) does not apply to any person holding or taking part in any entertainment held with the consent of the Council.

### **Aircraft, hang gliders and hot air balloons**

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

### **Kites**

34. No person shall fly any kite in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person.

## **PART 8**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Obstruction**

35. 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**

36. (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**

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

### **Penalty**

38. 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.

### **Revocation**

39. The byelaws made by the London Borough of Southwark on August 1 1996 and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Office on November 8 1996 relating to pleasure grounds and open spaces are hereby revoked.

# **SCHEDULES**

## **SCHEDULE 1**

### **GROUNDNS TO WHICH BYELAWS APPLY GENERALLY**

The grounds referred to in byelaw 2 are:

Addington Square Open Space  
Alexis Street Open Space  
All Hallows' Churchyard  
Angel Public House – Adjacent Open Space  
Bankside River Walk  
Barnards Wharf Hard Standing Open Space  
Belair Park  
Bermondsey Spa Gardens  
Bermondsey Square Open Space  
Bird-in-Bush Park  
Brenchley Gardens  
Brimmington Park  
Brunswick Park  
Burgess Park  
Camberwell Green  
Catesby/Mason Street Open Space  
Cherry Gardens  
Christchurch Gardens  
Consort Park  
Cossall Park  
Cox's Walk Open Space  
David Copperfield Gardens  
Dawson's Hill Open Space  
Deal Porters Walk  
Dickens Square Open Space  
Dog Kennel Hill Open Space  
Dr Harold Moody Park  
Dulwich Library Garden  
Dulwich Park  
Dulwich Upper Wood  
Durand's Wharf Park  
Elephant Road Playground  
Falmouth Road Park  
Faraday Gardens  
Flaxyard Open Space  
Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park  
Goose Green  
Goose Green Playground  
Greendale Playing Field  
Grotto Open Space  
Guy Street Park  
Hankey Place Gardens  
Highshore Road Open Space  
Holly Grove Shrubbery  
Holy Trinity Churchyard

Homestall Road Playing Field  
Honor Oak Sports Ground  
Hope Sufference Wharf Hard Standing Area  
Kennington Open Space  
King Edward III Manor House, Cathay Street, Open Space  
King George's Field  
King's Stairs Gardens  
Kirkwood Road Nature Garden  
Lavender Pond  
Leathermarket Gardens  
Leyton Square Open Space  
Little Dorrit Park  
Long Lane Park  
Long Meadow  
Lucas Gardens  
Lyndhurst Square Open Space  
Marlborough Playground  
Mary Datchelor Playing Field  
Mint Street Park  
Montague Close open space  
Nelson Square Gardens  
Neptune Street Park  
Newington Gardens  
Nunhead Green  
Nursery Row Park  
One Tree Hill Open Space  
Paragon Gardens  
Pasley Park  
Paterson Park  
Pearson's Park  
Peckham Rye Park and Common  
Peckham Square  
Pelier Park  
Piermont Green  
Potter's Field Park  
Pullens Gardens  
Pynners Close Playing Field  
Queen Elizabeth Gardens  
Redcross Gardens  
Rockingham Open Space  
Russia Dock Woodland  
Salisbury Row Extension open space  
Salisbury Row Park  
Shuttleworth Park  
Southwark Park  
Southwark Sports Ground  
St Francis Park  
St George's Churchyard and Gardens  
St Giles' Churchyard  
St James's Churchyard  
St John's Churchyard  
St Mary Magdalen Churchyard

St Mary's Churchyard, Newington  
St Mary's Churchyard, Rotherhithe  
St Mary's Frobisher park  
St Mary's Gardens, Rotherhithe  
St Pauls Sports Ground  
St Peter's Churchyard  
Stave Hill Open Space  
Stave Hill Ecological Park  
Sumner Park  
Sunray Gardens  
Surrey Canal Walk  
Surrey Docks Sports Grounds  
Surrey Square Open Space  
Sutherland Square Open Space  
Sydenham Hill Wood  
Tabard Gardens  
Tanner Street Park  
Victory Community Park  
Warwick Gardens  
West Square Garden

## SCHEDULE 2

### GROUNDS REFERRED TO IN CERTAIN BYELAWS

#### PART 1

#### OPENING TIMES (BYELAW 3(1))

Addington Square  
All Hallows' Churchyard  
Belair Park  
Bermondsey Spa Gardens  
Bermondsey Square Open Space  
Bird-in-Bush Park  
Brenchley Gardens  
Brunswick Park  
Burgess Park  
Camberwell Green  
Christchurch Gardens  
Cox's Walk Open Space  
Dickens Square open Space  
Dr Harold Moody Park  
Dulwich Library Garden  
Dulwich Park  
Dulwich Upper Wood  
Durand's Wharf Park  
Elephant Road Playground  
Falmouth Road Park  
Faraday Gardens  
Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park  
Goose Green  
Goose Green Playground

Grotto Open Space  
Guy Street Park  
Hankey Place Gardens  
Highshore Road Open Space  
Holly Grove Shrubbery  
Holy Trinity Churchyard  
Homestall Road Playing Field  
Honor Oak Sports Ground  
King George's Field  
Kirkwood Road Nature Garden  
Leathermarket Gardens  
Leyton Square Open Space  
Little Dorrit Park  
Long Lane Park  
Long Meadow  
Lucas Gardens  
Lyndhurst Square  
Marlborough Playground  
Mary Datchelor Playing Field  
Nelson Square Gardens  
Neptune Street Park  
Newington Gardens  
Nunhead Green  
One Tree Hill Open Space  
Paragon Gardens  
Pasley Park  
Paterson Park  
Pearson's Park  
Peckham Rye Park and Common  
Pelier Park  
Pullens Gardens  
Pynners Close Playing Field  
Redcross Gardens  
Shuttleworth Park  
Southwark Park  
Southwark Sports Ground  
St Francis Park  
St George's Churchyard and Gardens  
St Giles' Churchyard  
St James's Churchyard  
St John's Churchyard  
St Mary Magdalen Churchyard  
St Mary's Churchyard, Newington  
St Mary's Churchyard, Rotherhithe  
St Mary's Frobisher  
St Mary's Gardens, Rotherhithe  
St Pauls Sports Ground  
St Peter's Churchyard  
Sumner Park  
Sunray Gardens  
Surrey Docks Sports Grounds  
Surrey Square  
Sutherland Square Open Space  
Sydenham Hill Wood  
Tabard Gardens

Tanner Street Park  
Victory Community Park  
Warwick Gardens  
West Square Garden

## PART 2

### CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS (BYELAW 15(1))

Alexis Street  
Belair Park  
Bermondsey Spa Gardens  
Bird-in-Bush Park  
Brimmington Park  
Brunswick Park  
Burgess Park  
Camberwell Green  
Consort Park  
Cossall Park  
Dr Harold Moody Park  
Dulwich Park  
Elephant Road Playground  
Falmouth Road  
Faraday Gardens  
Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park  
Goose Green Playground  
Guy Street Park  
Holly Grove Shrubbery  
Honor Oak Sports Ground  
King George's Field  
King's Stairs Gardens  
Leathermarket Gardens  
Leyton Square  
Little Dorrit Park  
Long Lane Park  
Lucas Gardens  
Mint Street Park  
Nelson Square  
Newington Gardens  
Nunhead Green  
Nursery Row Park  
Pasley Park  
Paterson Park  
Pearson's Park  
Peckham Rye Park and Common  
Pelier Park  
Pullens Gardens  
Salisbury Row Park  
Shuttleworth Park  
Southwark Park  
St Francis Park  
St James's Churchyard  
St John's Churchyard  
St Mary's Churchyard, Newington  
St Mary's Churchyard, Rotherhithe  
St Mary's Frobisher

Sumner Park  
Sunray Gardens  
Surrey Canal Walk  
Surrey Square  
Tabard Gardens  
Tanner Street Park  
Victory Community Park  
Warwick Gardens

### PART 3

#### WATERWAYS (BYELAWS 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28)

Albion Channel  
Belair Park  
Burgess Park  
Canada Water  
Dulwich Park  
Greenland Dock  
Kirkwood Road Nature Garden  
Lavender Pond  
Peckham Rye Park and Common  
Russia Dock Woodland  
Salisbury Row Park  
Southwark Park  
Stave Hill Ecological Park  
Sunray Gardens  
Surrey Water  
Sydenham Hill Wood



# Area of Bankside River Walk Where Cycling is Prohibited

Date 30/10/2007



The COMMON SEAL OF THE  
LONDON BOROUGH OF  
SOUTHWARK was hereto affixed  
in the presence of

Authorised Signatory

On the      day of                      2007