

# Greater London Council

## PARKS, GARDENS, AND OPEN SPACES

*BY-LAWS made on 1 November 1932 (in operation as from and including 1 April 1933), by the London County Council in pursuance of the provisions of the London Council (General Powers) Act 1890, the London County Council (General Powers) Act 1898, and the London County (General Powers) Act 1923 and now having effect by virtue of The London Government Act 1963, Article 33 of the London Authorities (Property, etc.) Order 1964 and Articles 9 and 30 of the London Government Order 1965 as if made by the Greater London Council in relation to the Parks, Gardens, and Open Spaces vested in or under the control of the Greater London Council.*

### APPLICATION OF BY-LAWS

The Secretary of State for Home Affairs on 20 March 1933, 15 June 1936, 6 May 1938, 12 February and 16 July 1952, 18 March and 17 April 1953, 13 September and 29 December 1954, and 9 June and 29 November 1955, allowed the application of the several by-laws, as follows:

Addington-square; Agnes Riley Memorial-garden; Albany-road-garden; Archbishop's-park; Avery-hill; Battersea-park; Beckenham-place-park; Bellingham-playpark; Bermondsey-spa; Bethnal-green-gardens; Blackheath; Blythe-hill; Bostall-heath; Bostall-woods; Brockwell-park; Brook-green; Castlewood; Charlton-park; Charlton-playing-fields(a); Clapham-common; Clapton-common; Clissold-park; Cobourg-gardens; \*Crystal Palace grounds (that part open to the public); Deptford-park; Downes-place; Downham-recreation-ground (c) and Downham-woodlands; Dulwich-park; Eaglesfield; Eel-brook-common; Eltham-common; Eltham-park-north; Eltham-park-south; Emslie Horniman-pleasance; Fairy-hill-playground (b); Finsbury-park; Garratt-Green; Geffrye's-garden; Geraldine Mary Harmsworth-park; Golder's-hill; Goose-green; Grove-hall-park; Hackney-downs; Hackney-marsh; Haggerston-park; Hainault-forest; Hainault-forest (Extension); Hammersmith-park; Hampstead-heath; Hampstead-heath (Extension); Hampstead-heath (The Paddock); Highbury-fields; Highgate-archway-plot; Hillside-gardens; Hilly-fields; Holland-park; Horniman-gardens; Hurlingham-park; Island-gardens; Jackwood; Kennington-park; Kensington Memorial-recreation-ground (k); Kenwood; Kilburn-grange; King Edward Memorial-park; King George's-field; Ladywell-recreation-ground (d); Lesnes Abbey Woods; Leyton-square; Limehouse-churchyard; Lincoln's-inn-fields; Little Wormwood-scrubs; London-fields; Lucas-street-open-space; Manor-house-gardens; Marble-hill; Margaret McMillan-park; Maryon-park; Maryon Wilson-park; Marvels-wood; Meath-gardens; Mill-fields; Millwall-recreation-ground (e); Mountsfield-park; Myatt's-fields; Newington-recreation-ground (f); Normand-park; Northbrook-park; Norwood-park; Oxleas-wood; Parliament-hill; Parsloes-park; Parson's-green; Paterson-park; Peckham-rye; Peckham-rye-park; Plumstead-common; The Ranger's House and grounds, Greenwich; Ravenscourt-park; Rolls-garden; Royal Victoria-gardens; Ruskin-park; Sayes-court-open-space; Scarsdale-road-open-space; Shaftesbury-playing-field (g); Shepherd's-bush-common; Shore-place (j); Shoulder-of-mutton-green; Shrewsbury-park; Southwark-park; Springfield-park; Stepney-churchyard; Stoke Newington-common; Streatham-common; Sydenham Wells-park; Tabard-garden; Telegraph-hill; The Rookery; Tooting-common (Tooting Bec-common and Tooting Graveney-common); Victoria-embankment-gardens, including York-terrace; Victoria-park; Wandsworth-common; Wandsworth-common (Extension); Wandsworth-park; Wapping-recreation-ground (h); Waterlow-park; Well-street-common; Whittington-park; Woolcombe-garden; and Wormwood-scrubs.

- (a) Renamed Hornfair (27 April 1948).
- (b) Renamed Fairy-hill (6 March 1951).
- (c) Renamed Downham-fields (16 December 1952).
- (d) Renamed Ladywell-fields (16 December 1952).
- (e) Renamed Millwall-park (16 December 1952).
- (f) Renamed Newington-gardens (16 December 1952).
- (g) Renamed Shaftesbury-park (16 December 1952).
- (h) Renamed Wapping-gardens (16 December 1952).
- (j) Renamed Shore-gardens (30 March 1954).
- (k) Renamed Kensington Memorial-park (30 March 1954).

\* For a period of two-years from 16 July 1955.

## BY-LAWS

### DEFINITIONS

1. In these by-laws, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - “ The Council ” means the Greater London Council.
  - “ Open Space ” means any park, garden or open space vested in or under the control of the Council.

### DAMAGE AND INJURY

2. No person shall remove, injure, or in any way deface or disfigure any property under the control of the Council in or enclosing any open space, or post thereon or affix thereto in any way any bill, placard or notice.
3. No person shall remove, uproot, destroy or injure any tree, shrub or plant, or pluck any flower, bough or leaf, or dig, cut or take any turf, sod, gravel, sand, clay or other substance in any open space.
4. No person shall climb on any tree or on or over any gate, fence or railing in or enclosing any open space.
5. No person shall in any open space go upon any land specially enclosed or the entry on which is prohibited by notice, or go upon any shrubbery or flower bed.

### TRESPASS

6. No male person over the age of 14 years shall go or attempt to go into any part of any open space in contravention of any regulation of the Council specified in a notice exhibited on such part reserving such part for the use of female persons and children under the age of 14 years only.
7. No person shall in any open space wilfully break or damage any ice on any pond or lake, or when prohibited by notice, go or attempt to go upon any such ice.
8. No person shall, without first obtaining or otherwise than in accordance with the terms of a permit from the Council, camp out on any open space.
9. No person shall wilfully enter into or remain in any open space or any part of any open space during any time appointed for closing the same.
10. No person shall in any open space go or attempt to go into any water-closet, urinal or other place of convenience provided for the opposite sex or infringe any regulation of the Council set up therein controlling the use thereof.

### BUILDINGS AND OBSTRUCTIONS

11. No person shall in any open space, without first obtaining or otherwise than in accordance with the terms of a permit from the Council, erect or place or retain any post, rail, fence, photographic stand apparatus, tent, booth, screen, stand, swing or other building, erection or structure or any obstruction of any kind whatever.

### TRAFFIC

12. No person shall, except in case of accident or unavoidable cause, land in any open space or take off therefrom in any aircraft; provided that this by-law shall not apply to the use by members of Air Defence units of such landing or taking off grounds and on such occasions as may be approved by the Council in writing under the hand of its Clerk for purposes of Air Defence exercises.
13. No person shall in any open space, except on roads or other places approved for the purpose by the Council, ride or drive any horse or other beast of draught or burden or any bicycle, tricycle, or any vehicle drawn or propelled by any animal or by mechanical power.
14. No person shall in any open space drive any vehicle, bicycle or tricycle or ride any animal at a rate exceeding twelve miles an hour or so as to endanger the public.
15. Any person driving any vehicle in any open space shall when called upon to stop by signal or otherwise by an officer of the Council acting in execution of his duty shall stop, and if he refuses or wilfully fails to do so shall be guilty of an offence.
16. No person shall in any open space drive or in any way use any motor vehicle for the purpose of giving or receiving instruction in driving, managing or repairing such vehicle.

17. No person shall leave any mechanically-propelled vehicle

(a) unattended in any open space except at such places as are approved by the Council as standing or parking places;

(b) on any road in any open space after having been requested by a duly authorized officer of the Council or a police constable to remove it.

18. No person shall take or drive on any road in any open space any public service vehicle or any vehicle, wheelbarrow or truck constructed, designed or used for trade purposes, or any mechanically-propelled vehicle bearing a manufacturer's, repairer's or dealer's identification mark or in an unfinished condition.

#### HORSES, DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS

19. No person shall in any open space lead from horseback any riderless horse which is not appropriately bridled and rugged or saddled, or so as to endanger the public.

20. No person shall in any open space lunge or break in any horse or other animal.

21. No person shall cause or suffer any dog belonging to him or in his charge for the time being to enter or remain in any open space unless such dog be under proper control and be effectually restrained from injuring, annoying or disturbing any person or animal or from running on any flower bed or injuring any tree, shrub or plant.

22. No person shall in any open space allow any dog or other animal to enter any lake, river or pond, entry on which by dogs or other animals is prohibited by notice.

23. No person shall, in any part of any open space where a notice stating that all dogs or dogs of a particular class or breed must be kept on a lead or muzzled is exhibited, cause or suffer any dog belonging to him or in his charge for the time being to enter or remain therein unless such dog is kept on a lead or is muzzled in accordance with such notice, and no person shall in any part of any open space where a notice prohibiting the admission of dogs is exhibited, cause or suffer any dog belonging to him or in his charge for the time being to enter therein.

24. No person shall in any open space race or train any whippet or other dog.

25. No person shall turn out to graze or feed or allow or suffer to stray or remain any cattle, sheep, swine, horse, ass, mule, goose, duck, fowl or other animal in any open space without right or without the consent of the Council in writing under the hand of its Clerk.

26. No person shall in any open space wilfully disturb any animal grazing or shall harry, illtreat, or injure or destroy any animal, bird or fish, or take or attempt to take any animal, bird, fish or egg or set any trap.

#### NUISANCES

27. No person shall in any open space or in any lake, pond, fountain or ornamental water therein, deposit or leave any dead animal, offensive litter, house or trade refuse, or any turf, sod, gravel, sand, clay or other substance, or except in receptacles provided by the Council for the purpose any bottle, tin, container, broken glass or crockery, waste paper or other like article or thing.

28. No person shall wilfully break any glass, china or other like thing in any open space.

29. No person shall in any open space sort rags, bones, refuse or matter of like nature or mend any chair.

30. No person shall in any open space shake or beat any carpet, mat or other thing, or place any clothes or other things for the purpose of drying or bleaching.

31. No person shall in any open space discharge any gun, syringe, squirt, catapult or other instrument, or shall wantonly or recklessly throw or discharge any stone or missile, or make any bonfire or let off any firework.

32. No person shall in any open space commit any nuisance contrary to public decency or propriety.

33. No person shall in any open space wash any clothes, dog or other animal, or thing or do any act likely to cause pollution of the water in any drinking fountain, lake, pond or trough.

34. No person shall in any open space bet, brawl, fight or use indecent or improper language or designedly do any act which outrages public decency or which comes within the meaning of the 4th Section of the Vagrancy Act, 1824 (5 Geo. IV, cap. 83) whether the offence be committed with intent to insult any female or not.

35. No person in a verminous or offensively filthy condition shall lie about in any open space or lie upon or occupy any seat therein.

#### SALE OF ARTICLES, EXHIBITION OF ADVERTISEMENTS, ETC.

36. No person shall in any open space (a) sell, offer for sale, exhibit for sale or distribute any book, pamphlet, leaflet, card, bill, advertisement, or literature of any kind whatsoever; (b) subject to the foregoing provision, sell, offer for sale, exhibit for sale or distribute any other article, or let for hire any article or place any stand, chair or seat for hire or display any advertisement without the consent of the Council in writing under the hand of its Clerk.

#### PLYING FOR HIRE

37. No person shall in any open space ply for hire, or let out any horse or other animal or any vehicle without the consent of the Council in writing under the hand of its Clerk.

#### PUBLIC MEETINGS

38. No person shall in any open space deliver, utter or read or maintain the right to deliver utter or read any public speech, lecture, prayer, scripture, sermon or address of any kind or description whatsoever or enter into any public discussion or hold or cause or take part in any public meeting except between sunrise and sunset and on the site or sites, if any, approved by the Council and defined by notice boards and also shown on duplicate plans deposited at the Home Office and with the Clerk of the Council.

#### MUSIC AND SINGING

39. No person shall in any open space, without the consent of the Council in writing under the hand of its Clerk, operate play or make sounds on any musical or other instrument including any gramophone or radio apparatus, or without such consent sing any sacred or secular song except on the site or sites mentioned in the preceding by-law.

#### SOLICITING OR GATHERING MONEY

40. No person shall in any open space solicit or gather money or other thing except within the limits of the site or sites upon which public meetings are allowed to be held and without first obtaining or otherwise than in accordance with the terms of a permit from the Council, for which application shall be made in writing at least twenty-one clear days in advance, stating the place in which the collection is proposed to be made, the date proposed for the collection, and the object for which the collection is to be made; provided that a permit shall not be refused if the person applying for the same show to the satisfaction of the Council that the collection will be organised by some well-known charitable society and will be for the public good and not to the personal benefit of any individual or individuals.

#### GAMES, DRILLING, ETC.

41. No person shall in any open space practise gymnastics, play or make preparation to play any game or take part in any sport, or entertainment or dance, bathe, fish, use any boat, or sail any model yacht without the consent of the Council in writing under the hand of its Clerk except on the parts or places respectively set apart therefor or infringe any regulation of the Council with respect to the use of any such part or place and the conduct of persons using the same or resorting thereto as may be specified in any notice from time to time exhibited on any such part or place.

42. No person shall in any open space infringe any regulation of the Council with respect to the use of apparatus and equipment (including lockers and other conveniences) and dressing accommodation provided or maintained by the Council for use in connexion with rifle ranges, games and recreation or with respect to the use of dressing accommodation, conveniences, screens, towels, costumes and other things provided or maintained by the Council and necessary or convenient for persons using any open-air bath or pool, such regulation being specified in a notice exhibited on the parts or places set apart for such rifle ranges, games, recreations, open-air baths or pools, as the case may be.

43. No person shall in any open space drill or practise military evolutions or exercises without the consent of the Council in writing under the hand of its Clerk.

44. No person shall in any open space interfere with, obstruct or annoy any person or persons who are lawfully engaged in pursuance of these by-laws or any general authority or Act of Parliament in military or athletic exercises, or in playing or making preparations to play at any lawful game or in playing music, or delivering any public address or doing any other act.

#### OBSTRUCTING OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL, ETC.

45. No person shall in any open space resist, obstruct or aid or incite any person to resist or obstruct any officer of the Council or other person in the execution of his duty or lawful exercise of his authority.

#### OFFENDERS, PENALTIES, ETC.

46. Any person (not being an officer of the Council acting in execution of his duty or other person acting in lawful exercise of any authority) committing any breach of these by-laws shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding five pounds, and to a penalty not exceeding twenty shillings for each day on which such offence shall continue after written notice of the offence shall have been given by the Council.

47. It shall be lawful for any officer of the Council to exclude or remove from any open space any person committing any breach of the above by-laws, and all gypsies, hawkers, whether licensed or not, beggars and rogues and vagabonds, and if any such person, after being told by an officer of the Council not to come into or upon any open space, shall come therein or thereon, or after being told by any officer of the Council to go therefrom, shall neglect or refuse to go, or, having left the place after being told as aforesaid to go therefrom, or having been removed therefrom as aforesaid, shall return thereto, such person shall be guilty of an offence against these by-laws, and be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

#### SAVING FOR EXISTING POWERS

48. Nothing in these by-laws shall take away, abridge or limit any remedy now existing by way of indictment, or shall interfere with the powers of the Metropolitan Police, or any authority legally existing for preventing or punishing offences, or with powers of the Council as having the control of any open space.

#### SAVING FOR MILITARY FORCES

49. Nothing in these by-laws shall be construed as prohibiting on any heath or common—

(a) Infantry military drill.

(b) Encampment of troops for a single night for a halt on a march to or from their quarters.

(c) A review (with the previous assent of the Council) of Her Majesty's troops and auxiliary forces, such assent to be subject to the following conditions:

(i) When an adequate area for such drill, encampment and reviews, respectively, has been fixed by the Council, that area only shall be used for such purposes.

(ii) All damage done by Her Majesty's troops and auxiliary forces to the surface of any heath or common, which shall be capable of immediate reparation, shall be made good by the troops and forces encamped before they leave such place; and any damage which can be compensated only by pecuniary payment shall be so compensated by the Secretary of State for War.

(iii) Any difference which may arise between the Secretary of State for War and the Council concerning the adequacy of the area fixed by the Council for the respective purposes aforesaid, or concerning compensation for damage done to any heath or common, shall be determined by the First Commissioner of Works.

50. Nothing in these by-laws shall be construed as prohibiting the use of that part of Plumstead common which is coloured blue on the map or plan referred to in section 4 of the Plumstead Common Act, 1878, and varied by a Deed dated 17 June 1931, made between His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for War of the one part, and the London County Council of the other part, as a parade, camping, training or exercising ground, to be used by all branches of His Majesty's regular, auxiliary and reserve forces, when and as often as need or occasion shall require.

51. Nothing in these by-laws shall be construed as prohibiting the use of that part of Wormwood-scrubs which is referred to as "the military portion of the Scrubs" in section 3 of the Wormwood Scrubs Act 1879, as subsequently varied from time to time by agreements made between His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for War on the one part, and the London County Council of the other part, for the military purposes therein mentioned.

Approved by the Secretary of State for Home Affairs on 14 December 1932.

Approved by the Secretary of State for War on 14 November 1932.

## NOTES

1. References in these by-laws to the Council shall by virtue of Article 9 of the London Government Order 1965 be construed as references to the Greater London Council.

2. By Section 18 of the London Council (General Powers) Act 1890, which has effect as amended by the provisions of Article 3 and Paragraph 26(b) of the First Schedule to the Local Law (Greater London Council and Inner London Boroughs) Order 1965, any constable or any officer of the Greater London Council authorized in writing to enforce by-laws made or having effect as if made by the Greater London Council in relation to any open space for the purposes of Part V of the London County Council (General Powers) Act 1935 and any person called to the assistance of such constable or officer may without other warrant than this Act seize and detain any person committing, or having committed, any offence against such by-law whose name or residence is unknown to and cannot be ascertained by such constable or officer and take him to a police station or before a Justice, to be dealt with according to law Provided that any officer of the Greater London Council acting under this part of this Act and not being a constable in uniform shall have with him a written authority from the Greater London Council to act and shall produce the same if required.

*The Council's officers are authorized to apprehend without warrant, to be dealt with according to law, all persons committing a breach of the peace, and all persons who may be found committing offences against the following enactments, as amended—*

- (1) *The Vagrancy Act 1824.*
- (2) *The Larceny Act 1861.*
- (3) *The Malicious Damage Act 1861.*
- (4) *The Metropolitan Police Act 1839.*

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 252 of the Local Government Act 1933, I hereby certify that the foregoing by-laws having effect by virtue of the London Government Act 1963, Article 33 of the London Authorities (Property, etc.) Order 1964 and Articles 9 and 30 of the London Government Order 1965 as if made by the Greater London Council, are true copies of the by-laws made by the London County Council on 1 November 1932; that such by-laws, having been approved on 14 November 1932 by the Secretary of State for War so far as he was concerned, were approved by the Secretary of State for Home Affairs on 14 December 1932; that the said by-laws came into operation as from and including 1 April 1933; that their application to the specified parks, gardens and open spaces was allowed by the Secretary of State for Home Affairs on 20 March 1933, 15 June 1936, 6 May 1938, 12 February and 16 July 1952, 18 March and 17 April 1953, 13 September and 29 December 1954 and 9 June and 29 November 1955; and that, on the dates shown overleaf, he allowed the application of the foregoing by-laws to the following additional open spaces:

Abbey Wood Park (28 January 1964).  
Allen Fields (4 November 1959).  
Bartlet Park (12 September 1961).  
Burdett Gardens (4 November 1959).  
Canteloves Gardens (4 November 1959).  
Charlotte Turner Gardens (9 February 1962).  
Crystal Palace Grounds (that part open to the public) 16 July 1957 to 15 July 1959 (9 July 1957).  
4 February 1960 to 15 July 1960 (4 February 1960).  
16 July 1960 to 15 July 1962 (14 July 1960).  
4 January 1963 to 15 July 1964 (4 January 1963).  
16 July 1964 to 15 July 1966 (22 July 1964).

Cutty Sark Gardens (9 July 1957).  
Emma Cons Gardens (9 July 1957).  
Friendly Gardens (9 February 1962).  
Hatcham Gardens (4 November 1959).  
Ion Square (11 May 1964).  
King George's Field, Eltham (3 October 1957).  
King's Stairs Gardens (23 April 1963).  
Langdon Park (12 July 1963).  
Leathermarket Garden (21 January 1958).  
Melbourne Fields (4 November 1959).  
North Camberwell Open Space (28 January 1964).

Site bounded by Albany Road, Old Kent Road and Cobourg Road (excluding Rolls Gardens).  
Site on west side of Glengall Road, at junction with Old Kent Road.  
South-east corner of Willowbrook Grove and Trafalgar Avenue.  
Site bounded by Neate Street, Trafalgar Avenue, Waite Street and Cobourg Road.  
North-west corner of Cobourg Road and Neate Street.  
South-west corner of Cobourg Road and Neate Street.  
Site of former 168-178 Neate Street (south side).  
Site bounded by Neate Street, Herring Street, Woolcombe Garden, Loncroft Road and Calmington Road, plus small area east of Herring Street.

Site on west side of Calmington Road, between Scarsdale Road and Neate Street  
Site of former 2-10 Calmington Street (west side) opposite Sandover Road.  
Two sites on north-west and north-east corners of Neate Street and Chumleigh Street.  
Site between Albany Road and Neate Street, east of Cunard Street.  
Site bounded by Albany Road, Wells Way and former Surrey Canal.  
Site at south-west corner of Wells Way and New Church Road.  
Site of former 319-329 Albany Road (south side).  
Site bounded by former Surrey Canal, Addington Square and Sugden Street, Caldew Street and New Church Road.  
South-east corner of Camberwell Road and Albany Road.

Rope Walk Gardens (2 September 1960).  
Rosemary Gardens (7 March 1960).  
Shandy Park (14 December 1959).  
Stepney Green (23 May 1963).  
Stonebridge Gardens (4 November 1959).  
The Slade Garden (4 November 1959).  
Vicarage Gardens (4 November 1959).  
Warwick Garden (4 November 1959).  
Weavers' Fields (12 July 1963).  
Windmill Gardens (7 March 1960).  
Wyck Gardens (9 July 1957).



*Clerk to the Greater London Council*