

**LEEDS CITY COUNCIL**

**BYELAWS FOR THE PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION  
OF NUISANCES WITH REGARD TO:**

**MILLENNIUM SQUARE  
CITY SQUARE PUBLIC OPEN SPACE  
PUBLIC OPEN SPACE ADJACENT TO BELGRAVE STREET  
PUBLIC OPEN SPACE ADJACENT TO EASTGATE  
PARK SQUARE  
QUARRY HILL PUBLIC OPEN SPACE**

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### PLEASURE GROUNDS, PUBLIC WALKS AND OPEN SPACES

Byelaws made by the Leeds City Council under Section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875, Section 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 and Section 235 of the Local Government Act 1972 for the good rule and government of the City of Leeds and for the prevention and suppression of nuisances with respect to pleasure grounds, public walks and open spaces.

#### Interpretation

1. In these byelaws:

"the Council" means Leeds City Council;

"the Ground" means any of the grounds listed in the Schedule and as shown hatched black on the plans attached to these byelaws.

#### Vehicles

2. (a) No person shall, without the consent of the Council, or 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 or leave or cause to be left in the ground, a cycle, motor cycle, motor vehicle, trailer or any other mechanically propelled vehicle, except in any part of the ground where there is a right of way for that class of vehicle.

(b) This byelaw shall not extend to invalid carriages.

(c) In this byelaw:

"cycle" means a bicycle, a tricycle, or a 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, whether or not intended or adapted for use on the roads, not being an invalid carriage, with less than four wheels and the weight of which unladen does not exceed 410 kilograms;

"motor vehicle" means a mechanically propelled vehicle, whether or not intended or adapted for use on roads, not being an invalid carriage;

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

### **Climbing**

3. 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**

4. No person shall, without reasonable excuse, remove from or displace in the ground any barrier, railing, 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**

5. 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**

6. 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 or expose for letting to hire, any commodity or article.

### **Noise**

7. (1) No person shall in the ground after being requested to desist by an officer of the Council, or by any person annoyed or disturbed, or by any person acting on his behalf:
  - (a) by shouting or singing;
  - (b) by playing on a musical instrument; or
  - (c) by operating or permitting to be operated any radio, gramophone, amplifier, tape recorder or similar instrument

cause 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.

- (2) This byelaw shall not apply to properly conducted religious services or to any person holding or taking part in any entertainment held with the consent of the Council.

### **Touting**

8. No person shall in the ground for the purpose of selling or advertising any article or obtaining custom tout or importune to the annoyance or obstruction of other persons in the ground.

### **Urinating**

9. No person shall urinate or defecate in any public place.

### **Protection of flower beds, trees, grass etc**

10. 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 beds, shrub or plant, or any ground in the course of preparation as a flower bed, 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 it being wheeled or parked.

11. 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 flower bed, 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.

### **Removal of substances**

12. No person shall remove from or displace in the ground any stone, soil or turf, or the whole or any part of any plant, shrub or tree.

### **Skateboarding and roller skating**

13. No person shall in the ground skate slide or ride on rollers, skateboards, wheels or other mechanical contrivances, or other equipment.

### **Missiles**

14. No person shall in the ground, to the danger or annoyance of any other person in the ground, throw or discharge any missile.

### **Fireworks**

15. No person shall in the ground, to the danger or annoyance of any other person in the ground, throw or discharge any firework.

### **Waterways and fountains**

16. No person shall:

#### **Bathing**

- (a) without reasonable excuse, bathe or swim in any waterway or fountain comprised in the ground;

#### **Pollution of waterways and fountains**

- (b) intentionally, carelessly or negligently foul or pollute any waterway or fountain comprised in the ground.

#### **Obstruction**

17. No person shall in the ground:

- (a) Intentionally obstruct any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his 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 ground for annoyance to other persons in the ground.

#### **Savings**

18. (a) An act necessary to the proper execution of his duty in the ground by an officer of the Council, or any act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council, shall not be an offence under these byelaws.
- (b) 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**

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

## **Penalty**

20. 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.

## **Schedule**

The grounds referred to in byelaw 1 are as follows:

Millennium Square

City Square Public Open Space

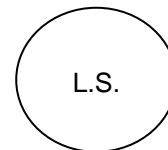
Public Open Space adjacent to Belgrave Street

Public Open Space adjoining Eastgate

Park Square

Quarry Hill Public Open Space

**THE COMMON SEAL of  
LEEDS CITY COUNCIL**  
was hereunto affixed  
on the 16th day of March 2001



Seal No. 65216A

Chief Legal Officer

The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State and shall come into operation on the eighteenth day of June 2001

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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