

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL

Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership

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Title: Parks Bristol Bye Laws

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Background

The Council is continuing with the process of adopting a new set of parks byelaws for Bristol. The 24 proposed byelaws focus on ensuring everyone can continue to use the city's parks and green spaces responsibly, considerately and safely. They will also give the council and its partner's scope to tackle any problem behaviour that adversely affects the enjoyment and safe use of the city's green spaces.

Recommendations

1. The Neighbourhood Partnership supports the introduction of the proposed byelaws.
2. The Neighbourhood Partnership supports the recommendations of the Environment Subgroup regarding the designation of land in relation to the four bye laws where this is possible: See report below.

1. Following on from the above consultation we are now seeking opinion of residents and Neighbourhood Partnerships whether they would like to see the Bye Laws adopted. The bye laws can be found at https://bristol.citizenspace.com/place/parks-byelaws/supporting_documents/Proposed%20byelaws%20Jan%2016.pdf
2. To gauge the opinion of the Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership Tom Penn attended the Environmental Sub Group on Wednesday 9th March 2016. At the meeting the bye laws were discussed and the views of the group are below and their recommendations to the Neighbourhood Partnership.

3. The Environment subgroup was supportive of the introduction of Bye Laws and proposes the Neighbourhood Partnership support the introduction of the proposed Bye laws.
4. Of the 24 bye laws four can only be carried out in designated areas these designated areas need to be decided and are:
 - I. *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. It is proposed to designate all lakes and rivers in or adjacent to parks and green spaces except at St George Park, meaning that fishing could not take place there currently but could take place in other parks.*
5. The Environment subgroup agreed with this proposal but wanted clarification on the designation on the lake. Currently fishing is only allowed on a section of the lake and they want to continue. Therefore the recommends the NP support if this is clarified and only certain areas of the lake are designated.
 - II. *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; or (b) land in the ground without reasonable excuse; other than in a designated area for flying model aircraft. The current proposal designates Hengrove Park as the only designated area subject to certain conditions. We will consider other sites put forward during the consultation.*
6. The Environment sub group agreed with this proposal and did not want to designate any further areas within the NP area
 - III. *No person shall ride a horse in any of the grounds specified in Schedule 2 except: (a) on a designated route for riding; or (b) in the exercise of a lawful right or privilege. Where horse-riding is permitted by virtue of byelaw 13(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.*
7. The Environment subgroup agreed with this proposal however they want the following sites designated to allow horse riding
 - Wickham Glen
 - Trendlewood
 - Meadowsweet
 - IV. *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 10(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; or (b) the lighting or use, in such a manner as to safeguard against damage or danger to any person, of a properly constructed camping stove, in a designated area for camping, or of a properly constructed barbecue, in a designated area for barbecues. We are consulting on designated areas. We are proposing that we will designate all parks and green spaces except for ones we specify, because we want people to be able to enjoy the green spaces where this can be done safely and without spoiling the area for everybody else. The areas we propose that we will not designate will usually be areas with nature conservation interest and a higher risk of fire. We will consider other areas put forward during the consultation.

8. The Environment sub group agreed with this proposal but also wanted the following areas not designated
 - Sports pitches
 - Children's play areas
 - Floral meadows and flower beds
9. The group wanted more clarification on how these designations can be made so further possible discussion can be had at the NP meeting.
10. Further documents and the schedules can be found using the below link. The consultation can also be accessed so individuals can complete

<https://bristol.citizenspace.com/place/parks-byelaws>