



## AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

### STOCKWOOD, HENGROVE & WHITCHURCH NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016

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**Title:** Park Bye laws

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#### RECOMMENDATIONS

To note and comment on the consultation

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 partners scope to tackle any problem behaviour that adversely affects the enjoyment and safe use of the city's green spaces.

Public consultation in 2013 showed 77% of respondents were in favour of revised byelaws, indicating that residents expect the council should actively manage use of, and control behaviours in, council-owned green spaces.

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](https://bristol.citizenspace.com/place/parks-byelaws/supporting_documents/Proposed%20byelaws%20Jan%2016.pdf)

Of the 24 bye laws four can only be carried out in designated areas these designated areas need to be decided and are

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. 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.

**a. Does the partnership agree with this proposal?**

2. 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.

**a. Does the partnership agree with this proposal and does the Partnership consider any other areas suitable for flying model aircraft?**

3. 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.

**a. Does the partnership agree with this would they like to see any designated site under 4 Hectares where horse riding is permitted.**

4. 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.

**a. Does the partnership agree with this proposal**

**5. Finally does the Neighbourhood Partnership support the introduction of the proposed Bye laws**

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>

**Legal Information**

When councillors decide how the wellbeing fund is spent they should have due regard to the public sector equality duty that applies to all public bodies. This duty is contained in the Equality Act 2010 and came in to force on 6 April 2011. It replaces previous equality duties under the Sex Discrimination, Race Relations and Disability Discrimination Acts.

The duty means that councillors are required to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited under the Act
- Promote equality of opportunity between different groups
- Foster good relations between people from different groups

The duty covers the following protected characteristics:

- Disability, Sexual orientation, Age, Gender reassignment, Religion and belief; Sex, Race, Pregnancy and maternity.

It also applies to marriage and civil partnership, but only in respect of the requirement to eliminate discrimination and harassment.