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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI593503060**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Byelaws and Policies on Recreational Use of Drones.

You have requested the following information:

**We are writing to make an information request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We seek information regarding your authority's regulations on the recreational use of drones from land under your jurisdiction.**

**1. Do you have any byelaws specifically relating to the recreational use of drones from your land? If yes, please provide:**

No.

**a) The date(s) of these byelaws.**

**b) A digital copy of the byelaw(s) or a link to where these can be found on your website.**

For Questions 1a and 1b, these are not applicable.

**2. In the absence of specific byelaws, do you have any policies relating to the recreational use of drones from your land? If yes, please provide:**

**a) The date(s) of these policies.**

20/09/1962 Pleasure Grounds Byelaws – specifically 5 and 20 are used to prohibit the use of drones

and UAVs in Council owned parks and open spaces. Some parks are also covered by the government restrictions on flying drones and UVAs near Coventry airport.

**b) A digital copy of the policy(ies) or a link to where these can be found on your website.**

Please see the attached document.

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

**Information Governance**

# CITY OF COVENTRY

# BYELAWS

## MADE BY THE LORD MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF COVENTRY, ACTING BY THE COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO THE PLEASURE GROUNDS

### IN THE CITY UNDER SECTION 164 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1875

1. Throughout these byelaws the expression "the Council" means the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Coventry acting by the Council, and the expression "the pleasure ground" means each of the pleasure grounds, parks, public walks, children's playgrounds, commons and places of public resort belonging to or under the control of the Council, that is to say:—

Alfred Herbert Recreation Ground  
Allesley Park  
Allesley Hall Recreation Ground  
Barras Heath  
Bedlam Lane Children's Playground  
Binley Road Common  
Blackwatch Road Recreation Ground  
Brackley Close Recreation Ground  
Butts Recreation Ground  
Caludon Castle Recreation Ground  
Central Pavilion Garden  
Coundon Hall Park  
Coombe Pool and Parkland  
Gromwell Street Children's Playground  
Edgwick Recreation Ground  
Foleshill Park  
Glentworth Avenue Children's Playground  
Gosford Green  
Greyfriars Green  
Hearsal Common  
Henley Mill  
Jubilee Crescent  
Keresley Common  
Kitchener Road Recreation Ground  
Livingstone Road Open Space  
Limbrick Wood Children's Playground  
Longford Recreation Ground  
Merris Avenue Recreation Ground  
Mosseley Avenue Recreation Ground  
Naul's Mill Park  
Overslade Crescent Recreation Ground  
Primrose Hill Park  
Prior Deram Walk Recreation Ground  
Quinton Park  
Radford Common  
Radford Recreation Ground  
Spencer Park  
Starley Fields  
Stivichall Common  
Stoke Green  
Stoke Heath  
Stoney Stanton Road Children's Playground  
Swanswell Recreation Ground  
Spon End Gardens  
Top Green  
Walsgrave on Sowe Common  
War Memorial Park  
Whitley Common  
Willenhall Children's Playground  
Willenhall Wood Children's Playground  
Wyken Pool and Parkland

14. Where the Council set apart any such part of the pleasure ground as may be fixed by the Council, and described in a notice board affixed or set up in some conspicuous position in the pleasure ground, for the purpose of any game specified in the notice board, which, by reason of the rules or manner of playing, or for the prevention of damage, danger, or discomfort to any person in the pleasure ground may necessitate, at any time during the continuance of the game, the exclusive use by the player or players of any space in such part of the pleasure ground — a person shall not in any space elsewhere in the pleasure ground play or take part in any game so specified in such a manner as to exclude persons not playing or taking part in the game from the use of such a space.

15. A person resorting to the pleasure ground and playing or taking part in any game for which the exclusive use of any space in the pleasure ground has been set apart shall

(i) not play on the space any game other than the game for which it is set apart;

(ii) in preparing for playing and in playing, use reasonable care to prevent undue interference with the proper use of the pleasure ground by other persons;

(iii) when the space is already occupied by other players not begin to play thereon without their permission;

(iv) where the exclusive use of the space has been granted by the Council for the playing of a match, not play on that space later than a quarter of an hour before the time fixed for the beginning of the match unless he is taking part therein;

(v) except where the exclusive use of the space has been granted by the Council for the playing of a match in which he is taking part, not use the space for a longer time than two hours continuously, if any other player or players make known to him a wish to use the space.

16. A person who has attained the age of twelve years shall not use any equipment in the pleasure ground which by a notice affixed or set up near thereto, has been set apart by the Council for the exclusive use of persons under that age.

17. A person shall not in any part of the pleasure ground which may have been set apart by the Council for any game play or take part in any game when the state of the ground or other cause makes it unfit for use and a notice is set up in some conspicuous position prohibiting play in that part of the pleasure ground.

18. A person shall not to the annoyance of any other person play any musical instrument in any part of the pleasure ground.

2. An act necessary to the proper execution of his duty in the pleasure ground by an officer of the Council, or by any person or servant of any person employed by the Council, shall not be deemed an offence against these byelaws.

3. A person shall not in the pleasure ground

- (i) carelessly or negligently deface, injure, or destroy any wall or fence in or enclosing the pleasure ground, or any building, barrier, railing, post, or seat, or any erection or ornament;
- (ii) wilfully, carelessly, or negligently soil or defile any wall or fence in or enclosing the pleasure ground, or any building, barrier, railing, post or seat, or any erection or ornament;
- (iii) climb any wall or fence in or enclosing the pleasure ground, or any tree, or any barrier, railing, post, or other erection;
- (iv) wilfully, carelessly, or negligently remove or displace any barrier, railing, post or seat, or any part of any erection or ornament, or any implement provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the pleasure ground.

4. A person shall not bring or cause to be brought into the pleasure ground any cattle, sheep, goats, or pigs, or any beast of draught or burden, unless, in pursuance of an agreement with the Council, or otherwise in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege, he is authorised to do so.

5. (i) A person shall not except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege bring or cause to be brought into the pleasure ground any barrow, truck, machine or vehicle other than —

- (a) a wheeled bicycle, tricycle or other similar machine;
- (b) a wheel-chair, perambulator or chaise drawn or propelled by hand and used solely for the conveyance of a child or children or an invalid;
- (c) an invalid carriage driven with reasonable consideration for other persons using the pleasure ground and in a manner and at a speed not dangerous or likely to cause danger to such persons;

Provided that where the Council set apart a space in the pleasure ground for the use of any class of vehicle, this byelaw shall not be deemed to prohibit the driving in or to that space by a direct route from the entrance to the pleasure ground of any vehicle of the class for which it is set apart.

(ii) A person shall not except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege ride any bicycle, tricycle or other similar machine in any part of the pleasure ground.

6. A person being in any part of the pleasure ground to which the public are not entitled or permitted to have access without payment shall not without lawful authority place or deposit and leave in that part of the pleasure ground any glass, china, earthenware, tin, carton, paper or other rubbish so as to create or tend to create a litter.

7. A person who brings a vehicle into the pleasure ground shall not wheel or station it over or upon

- (i) any flower bed, shrub, or plant, or any ground in course of preparation as a flower bed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub, or plant;
- (ii) any part of the pleasure ground where the Council by a notice board affixed or set up in some conspicuous position in the pleasure ground prohibit its being wheeled or stationed.

8. A person shall not in the pleasure ground walk, run, stand, sit or lie upon any flower bed, shrub, or plant, or any ground in course of preparation as a flower bed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant.

9. A person shall not in the pleasure ground

- (i) remove, cut, or displace any gravel, soil, turf, or plant;
- (ii) pluck any bud, blossom, flower, or leaf of any tree, shrub, or plant.

10. A person shall not wilfully, carelessly, or negligently throw or discharge in the pleasure ground any missile to the damage or danger of any person.

11. A person shall not in the pleasure ground

- (i) bathe, wade, or wash in any ornamental lake, pond, stream, or other water;
- Provided that this part of this byelaw shall not be deemed to prohibit wading by a child who has not attained the age of 12 years in any paddling pool which by a notice set up near thereto has been set apart by the Council for the exclusive use of persons under the age of 12 years.

(ii) wilfully, carelessly, or negligently foul or pollute any such water;

(iii) take, injure, or destroy, or attempt to take, injure or destroy any fish in any such water;

Provided that this part of this byelaw shall not be deemed to prohibit fishing in Coombe Pool and Wyken Pool by a person who has been licensed in that behalf by the Council.

(iv) wilfully disturb or worry any water fowl in any such water.

12. A person shall not in the pleasure ground deposit and leave in any paddling pool any rubbish or any broken glass or other sharp or dangerous substance.

13. A person shall not cause or suffer any dog belonging to him or in his charge to enter or remain in the pleasure ground, unless such dog be and continue to be under proper control, and be effectually restrained from causing annoyance to any person, and from injuring, destroying, worrying or disturbing any animal or water fowl, and from entering any ornamental water.

19. A person shall not in the pleasure ground

- (i) except as hereinafter provided erect any post, rail, fence, pole, tent, booth, stand, building, or other structure;

Provided that this prohibition shall not apply where upon an application to the Council they grant permission to erect any post, rail, fence, pole, tent, booth, stand, building, or other structure, upon such occasion and for such purpose as are specified in the application.

(ii) sell, or offer or expose for sale, or let to hire, or offer or expose for letting to hire, any commodity or article, unless, in pursuance of an agreement with the Council, or otherwise in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege, he is authorised to sell or let to hire in the pleasure ground such commodity or article.

20. A person shall not in the pleasure ground wilfully obstruct, disturb, interrupt, or annoy any other person in the proper use of the pleasure ground or wilfully obstruct, disturb, or interrupt any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his duty, or any person or servant of any person employed by the Council in the proper execution of any work in connection with the laying out or maintenance of the pleasure ground.

21. A person shall not in the pleasure ground use any obscene language to the annoyance of any person.

22. Every person who shall offend against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two pounds.

23. Every person who shall infringe any byelaw for the regulation of the pleasure ground may be removed therefrom by any officer of the Council, or by any constable, in any one of the several cases hereinafter specified, that is to say:—

(i) Where the infraction of the byelaw is committed within the view of such officer or constable, and the name and residence of the person infringing the byelaw are unknown to and cannot be readily ascertained by such officer or constable;

(ii) Where the infraction of the byelaw is committed within the view of such officer or constable, and from the nature of such infraction, or from any other fact of which such officer or constable may have knowledge, or of which he may be credibly informed, there may be reasonable ground for belief that the continuance in the pleasure ground of the person infringing the byelaw may result in another infraction of a byelaw, or that the removal of such person from the pleasure ground is otherwise necessary as a security for the proper use and regulation thereof.

#### Repeal of byelaws

24. The byelaws relating to pleasure grounds which were made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Coventry, acting by the Council, on the 27th day of January 1931, and were allowed by the Minister of Health on the 1st day of April 1931 are hereby repealed.

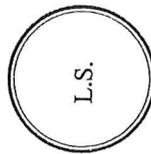
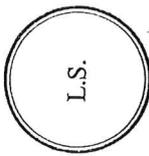
THE CORPORATE SEAL OF THE LORD MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF COVENTRY WAS HERETO AFFIXED THIS NINETEENTH DAY OF JUNE, 1962 IN THE PRESENCE OF:—

(Sgd.) A. J. WAUGH,

Lord Mayor

(Sgd.) K. B. TURNER,

Deputy Town Clerk



The Secretary of State this day confirmed the foregoing byelaws and fixed the date on which they are to come into operation as the 1st November, 1962.

(Sgd.) R. J. GUPPY,

An Assistant Under Secretary  
of State

Home Office,  
Whitehall,

20th September, 1962.