

# NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



# BYELAWS

in respect of Parks and Pleasure Grounds  
in the Borough of Northampton

Includes byelaws BL11 to BL17  
~ Poop Scoop areas ~

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Borough Solicitor

**BL10**

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BYELAWS

made by Northampton Borough Council under

(1) Section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875 with regard to the pleasure grounds specified in Part I of the Schedule; and

(2) Sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 with regard to the pleasure grounds specified in Part 2 of the Schedule

1. Throughout these byelaws unless the context otherwise requires

"the Council" means the Northampton Borough Council;

"the pleasure ground" means each of the pleasure grounds set out in the Schedule hereto;

"model aircraft" means an aircraft which either weighs not more than 5 kilogrammes without its fuel or is for the time being exempted (as model aircraft) from the provisions of the Air Navigation Order;

"power-driven" means driven by the combustion of petrol vapour or other combustible vapour or other combustible substances

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 without reasonable excuse

(i) climb any wall or fence in or enclosing the pleasure ground, or any tree, or any barrier, railing, post, or other erection;

(ii) remove or displace any wall or fence in or enclosing the pleasure ground or 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, or any life saving appliance.

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

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) a vehicle which is an invalid carriage complying with the requirements and used in accordance with the conditions prescribed by regulations under Section 20 of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970

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

(iii) A person shall not in the pleasure ground drive a machine or vehicle of any kind at a speed or in a manner likely to cause danger to other persons using the pleasure ground.

6. A person who brings a vehicle into the pleasure ground shall not drive 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 driven wheeled or stationed.

7. A person shall not affix any bill, placard, or notice, to or upon any wall or fence in or enclosing the pleasure ground, or to or upon any tree, or plant, or to or upon any part of any building, barrier, railing, or post, or of any seat, or of any other erection or ornament in the pleasure ground.

8. A person shall not in the pleasure ground walk, run, stand, sit or lie upon

(i) any grass, turf, or other place where adequate notice to keep off such grass, turf, or other place is exhibited: Provided that such notice shall not apply to more than five per cent of the area of the pleasure ground at any given time.

(ii) 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 remove or displace any soil, turf or plant.

10. A person shall not in the pleasure ground

- (i) bathe, wade, or wash, in any ornamental lake, pond, stream, or other water;
- (ii) intentionally, carelessly, or negligently foul or pollute any such water.

II. No person shall without lawful excuse or authority on the pleasure ground kill, molest or intentionally disturb any animal, bird or fish or engage in hunting, shooting or fishing or the setting of traps or nets or the laying of snares.

The above byelaw shall not prohibit any fishing which may be authorised by the Council

12. No person shall on the pleasure ground use any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the pleasure ground.

13.

- (i) No person shall, without reasonable excuse, permit a dog to enter or remain in any area of the pleasure ground maintained as an ornamental garden or flower bed unless the dog is held on a lead and is restrained from behaviour giving reasonable grounds for annoyance.
- (ii) Notice of the effect of this byelaw shall be given by signs placed in conspicuous positions on the approaches to such areas

14. Where the Council set apart any 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 die 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 pan 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 iii 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) 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;

(iv) 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 shall riot 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.

17. 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 purposes as are specified in the application;

(ii) sell, or offer or expose to, 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 other-wise 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.

18. A person shall not in the, pleasure ground intentionally obstruct, disturb, or annoy any other person in the proper use of the pleasure ground, or intentionally obstruct or disturb 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.

19. A person shall not on the pleasure ground drive, chip or pitch a hard golf ball.

20. (i) No person in the pleasure ground shall release any power-driven model aircraft for flight or control the flight of such an aircraft.

(ii) No person shall cause any power-driven model aircraft to take off or land in the pleasure ground.

21. Every person who shall offend against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a Fine not exceeding one hundred pounds.

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

23. The byelaws relating to the pleasure grounds which were made by the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Northampton on the First day of December in the year One thousand nine hundred and sixty-six and were confirmed by the Secretary of State on the Sixth day of February One thousand nine hundred and sixty seven and the byelaws relating to the flying of model aircraft in pleasure grounds made by the Council on the Twenty-ninth day of August in the year One thousand nine hundred and seventy five and confirmed by the Secretary of Slate on the Fourteenth day of November in the year One thousand nine hundred and seventy five are hereby repealed.

## SCHEDULE

### PART I

Abington Square Garden of Rest	Hunters Close Open Space
Abington Park	Kingsthorpe Green
Abington Vale Open Space	Kingsthorpe Park
Acre Lane Open Space	Kingsthorpe Recreation Ground
Arbours Park North Open Space	Ladybridge Open Space
Arbours Park South Open Space	Ladybridge Playing Fields
Banbury Lane Open Space	Lings Amenity Area
Barnes Meadow	Lings Park
Beckets Park	Lings Wood
Bellinge Open Space	Little Billing Green
Bellinge Ponds	Lodge Farm Duston Open Space
Billing Arbours Wood	Lodge Farm Park
Billing Brook Open Space	London Road Walk
Billing Brook South Open Space	Lumbertubs Park
Billing Rise Tree Belt	Mallard Close Open Space
Blackthorn Park	Melbourne Lane Open Space
Blackthorn Spinney	Midsummer Meadow
Boughton Green Central Open Space	Millers Meadow
Boughton Green Obelisk Rise Playground	Mendip Road Open Space
Brackmills Tree Belt	Moulton Park Bund
Briar Hill Linear Park	Oaklands Drive Open Space
Briar Hill Playing Fields	Osmond Drive Tree Belt
Burleigh Road Play Area	Parklands Park
Cherry Lodge Tree Belt	Parklands Spinney
Danehill Spinney	Penn Valley Park
Danehill Open Space	Penvale Road Tree Belt
Danehill Wood	Pightle Tree Belt
Delapre Abbey Gardens	Racecourse
Delapre Field B	Rectory Farm Playing Fields
Delapre Lower Park	Round Spinney Open Space
Delapre Middle Park	Round Spinney Playing Fields
Delapre Woods	Round Spinney Tree Belt
Eagle Drive Open Space	St. Mark's Open Space
Ecton Brook Linear Park	St. Peter's Green
Ecton Brook Playing Fields	Sharman Road Open Space
Ecton Brook Belt	Southcrest Open Space
Errington Park	Southfields Open Space

Part 1 (cont'd)

Far Cotton Recreation Ground Fishponds Foot Meadow Goldings Reservoir Tree Belt Grafton Way Open Space Grangewood Park Greenglades Open Space Hill Farm Open Space Hinton Road Play Area Hunsbury Hill Park Hunslet Lane Open Space	Southfields Playing Fields Standens Barn Linear Park Stonepit Open Space Thorplands Open Space Thorpeville Bund Upper Nene Park Upton Way Tree Belt Victoria Park Watermeadow Tree Belt Weston Favell Linear Park Wootton Brook Park
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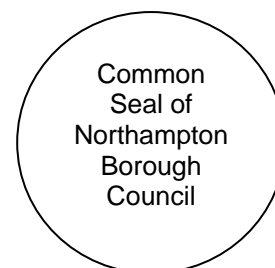
PART 2

Baulmesholme Walk Brockwood Close Open Space Burford Avenue Open Space Calvesholme Chesham Rise Open Space Clipston Way Open Space Cottingham Drive Open Space Cowgill Close Play Area Cranford Road Playground Dallington Park Eastfield Park Green Park Open Space Kings Heath Central Park Kings Heath Playground Kings Heath Recreation Ground	Leyland Drive Open Space Manning Road Open Space Moulton Leys Open Space Newton Road Open Space Peaches Meadow Queen Eleanor Open Space Spencer Playground St. Andrew's Road Open Space St. David's Open Space St. Katherine's Memorial Square Sunnyside Playground Tinsley Close Play Area Tiptoe Close Open Space Whitehills Childrens Playground
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THE COMMON SEAL of NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL was hereunto affixed pursuant to an Order of the Council on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1988 in the presence of: -

(Sgd) H.J. Almond

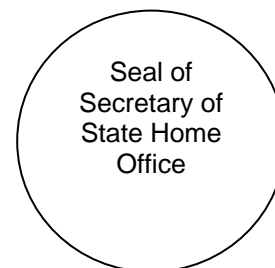
Borough Solicitor



The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State and shall come into operation on 21st day of July, 1988

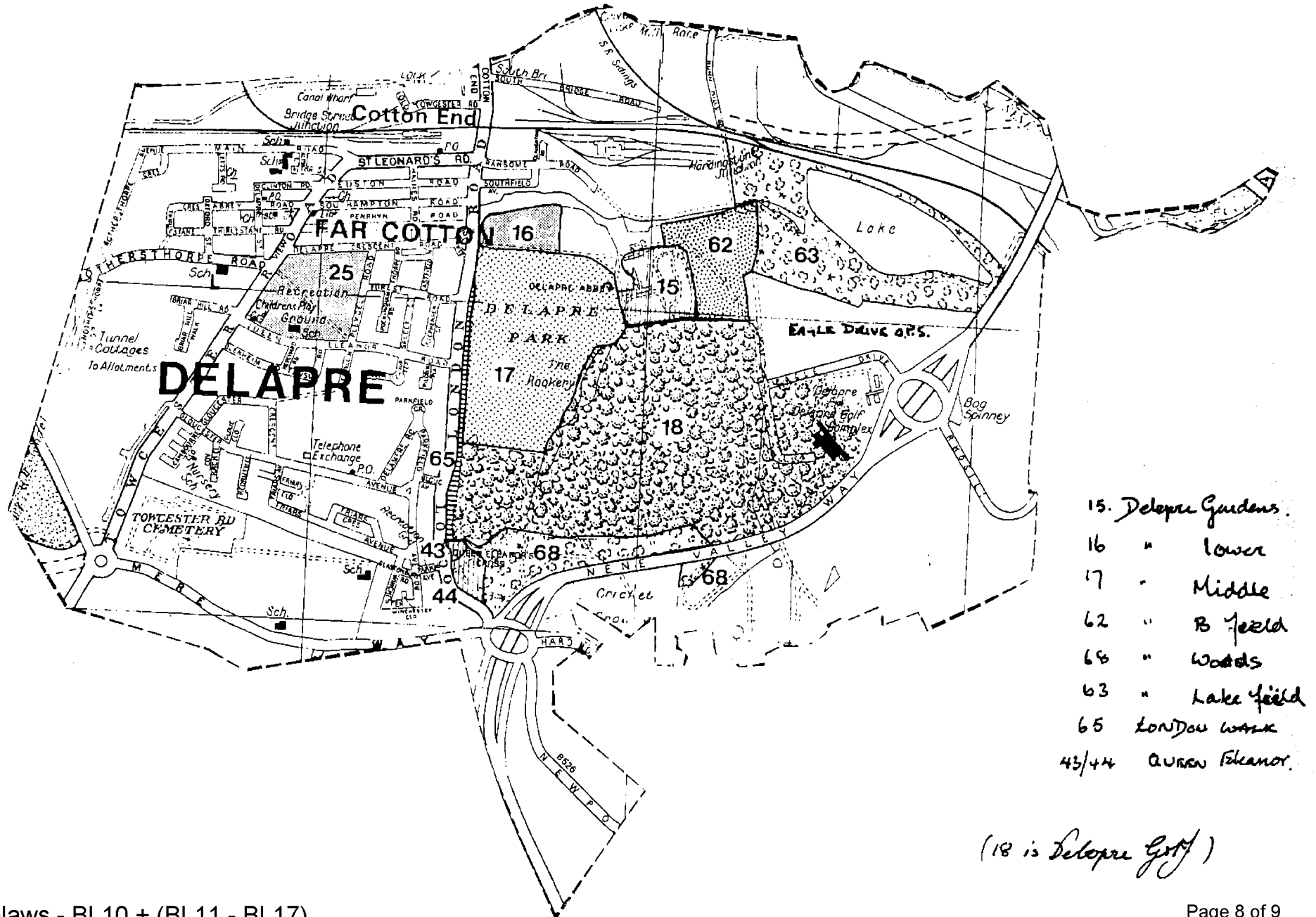
(Sgd) Q.J. Thomas

An Assistant Under Secretary of State



Signed by authority of the Secretary of State  
 24th June, 1988  
 Home Office  
 London SW1

# Plan of Delapre Abbey and Grounds BL10 Schedule - Part 1



- 15. Delapre Gardens.
- 16 " lower
- 17 " Middle
- 62 " B Field
- 66 " Woods
- 63 " Lake field
- 65 London walk
- 43/44 Owen Eleanor.

*(18 is Delapre Golf)*



**POOP SCOOP BYELAWS ARE IN FORCE ON THE FOLLOWING  
OPEN SPACES AND PLEASURE GROUNDS**

Byelaw	As from	Area
<b>BL11</b>	27.12.1989	Abington Park (Upper Park and Play Area)
<b>BL12</b>	18.02.1991	Abington Park (Pitch and Putt Area) Errington Park Parklands Park Racecourse
<b>BL13</b>	24.02.1992	Lings Park (Lower and Upper) Kingsthorpe Recreation Ground Welford Road Recreation Ground Broughton Green Open Space (School and Central Sites)
<b>BL14</b>	01.07.1993	Moulton Leys Open Space Abington Vale Open Space Grafton Way Open Space Whitehills Open Space Burleigh Road Play Area Eastfield Park Kings Heath Recreation Ground Victoria Park Far Cotton Recreation Ground
<b>BL15</b>	01.10.1994	Millers Meadow Open Space Chalcombe Avenue Open Space Newton Road Open Space Kings Heath Central Park Kingsthorpe Park Abington Park (whole and previous byelaws revoked)
<b>BL16</b>	01.09.1995	Conifer Rise Open Space Derwent Drive Open Space Southfields Playing Fields Part of Delapre Park (excluding car park) Grangewood Park Duston Wildes Open Space Burford Avenue Open Space Bellinge Open Space Dallington Park Recreation Ground Kingsthorpe Village Green
<b>BL17</b>	01.06.1996	Kingsthorpe Cemetery Billing Road Cemetery Arbours Park North Open Space Standens Barn Open Space Cottingham Drive Open Space Briar Hill Linear Park Penn Valley Open Space Wootton Brook Park