

Cambridge City Council
Cherry Hinton Chalk Pits, Cambridge (*East Pit, West Pit and Lime Kiln Close*) Nature Reserve

Cambridge City Council in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 20¹, 21(4)² and 106³ of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 and in accordance with section s 236(4) of the Local Government Act 1972² and Environment Protection Act 1990, hereby make the following byelaws for the protection of the Nature Reserve at Cherry Hinton Chalk Pits Cambridge in the City of Cambridge in the County of Cambridgeshire

1. INTERPRETATION

In these byelaws

- a. "The Reserve" shall mean the pieces or parcels of land containing in the whole 15.24 hectares or thereabouts and situated in Cambridge in the County of Cambridgeshire declared to be managed as a Nature Reserve by the declaration dated the 2 day of June 2009 and two other declarations of unknown date made by the Council in pursuance of section 21 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, and the Reserve is for the purposes of identification shown as nearly as may be on the map annexed to these byelaws and therein edged in red.
- b. "The Council" shall mean Cambridge City Council.
- c. "Firearm" shall have the same meaning as in section 57 of the Firearms Act 1968.
- d. Within the Reserve the following acts are hereby prohibited except insofar as they may be authorised by a permit issued by the Council in accordance with Byelaw 4, or are necessary to the proper execution of his duty by an officer of the Council or by any person, or servant of any person, employed or authorised by the Council.

2. PROHIBITED ACTS

Restriction of access

- (1) Entering at any time those parts of the Reserve where notice to keep out has been posted by order of the Council.

Damage to or disturbance of things in the Reserve

- (2) Spreading or using any net, or setting or using any lamp or other instrument, or any snare or lure, for the taking, injury or destruction of any living creature.
- (3) Taking, molesting or intentionally disturbing, injuring or killing any living creature.
- (4) Taking or intentionally disturbing or destroying the eggs, larvae, pupae or other immature stages, or the place used for the shelter or protection of any living creature.

Notes for Guidance

- 1. Amended by Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006.
Water Act and Communications Act 2003. Telecommunications Act 1984.
- 2. Amended by (NERC) Act 2006
- 3. Amended by the (NERC) Act 2006 and the Environmental Protection Act 1990

- (5) Intentionally removing or displacing the whole or part of any tree, shrub, plant, fungus or part thereof, or any unfashioned mineral thing including water.
- (6) Climbing or ascending any tree or cliff.

Bringing animals into the Reserve

- (7) Intentionally bringing, or permitting to be brought, into the Reserve any living creature, or the egg of any living creature, or any plant, or any seed or any other part of any plant, in such circumstances that it is likely that such creature or plant will reproduce or propagate itself, or such egg will hatch, or such seed will germinate.
- (8) Bringing into, or permitting to remain within, the Reserve any animal other than a dog unless it is kept under proper control and is prevented from worrying or disturbing any animal or bird.
- (9) Permitting a dog to disturb any animal or wild bird.
- (10) Turning out any animal or poultry to feed or graze.

Use of vehicles

- (11) Driving, riding, propelling or leaving any mechanically propelled vehicle (including a bicycle) elsewhere than on a highway or on a road, or in a place indicated by a notice as being available for the purpose.
- (12) Landing any aircraft except in case of emergency.
- (13) Launching or landing except in an emergency a hang glider.

Use of certain equipment

- (14) Using a device designed or adapted for detecting or locating metal or mineral in the Reserve.
- (15) Using any camera or any apparatus for the transmission, reception, reproduction, or amplification of sound, speech or images by electrical or mechanical means, except apparatus designed and used as an aid to defective hearing and apparatus used in a vehicle so as not to produce sound audible by a person outside the vehicle.

Use of firearms etc

- (16) Possessing a firearm (with ammunition suitable for use in that firearm) otherwise than on a public paved road, or discharging a firearm or lighting a firework.
- (17) Projecting any missile manually or by artificial means.

General prohibitions

- (19) Bringing any polluting or noxious substances into the Reserve.
- (20) Erecting, occupying or using any tent, shed, caravan or other structure.
- (21) Flying any kite or model aircraft.
- (22) Erecting any post, rail, fence, pole, booth, stand, building or other structure.
- (23) Neglecting to shut any gate or to fasten it if any means of doing so are provided.
- (24) Posting or placing any notice or advertisement.

(25) Selling or offering or exposing for sale, or letting for hire or offering or exposing for letting for hire, any commodity or article, or selling or offering for sale any service.

(26) Engaging in any activity which is causing or likely to cause a disturbance.

(27) Holding any show, performance, public meeting, exhibition or sports or playing of any organised game.

(28) Roller skating, skiing, tobogganing, or skate-boarding.

Use of fire

(29) Lighting any fire, stove, heater or other appliance capable of causing a fire.

(30) Letting fall or throwing any lighted match or lighted substance in a manner likely to cause a fire.

(31) Intentionally leaving items in a place other than a receptacle provided by the Council for deposit of litter or refuse.

3. INTERFERENCE WITH DULY AUTHORISED OFFICER

Intentionally obstructing any officer of the Council or any person, or the servant of any person, employed or authorised by the Council in the execution of any works including research or scientific work connected with the laying out, maintenance or management of the Reserve.

4. PERMITS

The Council may issue permits authorising any person to do any act or class of acts within the Reserve or any part thereof which would otherwise be unlawful under these byelaws.

Any such permit shall be issued subject to the following conditions:

(a) that it must be carried whenever a visit is made to the Reserve, and produced for inspection when required by a person duly authorised by the Council in that behalf; and

(b) that it may be revoked by the Council at any time.

5. BYELAWS

These byelaws shall not operate so as to interfere with the exercise –

(a) by a person of -

(i) a right vested in him/her as owner, lessee or occupier of land in the Reserve,

(ii) any easement or profit a prendre to which he is entitled,

(iii) any public right of way.

(b) of any functions of a local authority, statutory undertaker or drainage authority

(c) by a constable or a member of the armed forces or of any fire brigade or ambulance service of the performance of his duty.

6. OFFENCES

Any person who offends against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine on level 2 as laid down in the Criminal Justice Act 1982 and in the case of a continuing offence to a further fine for each day during which the offence continues after the said conviction.

