

## Questions and answers for each proposed Pleasure Grounds, Public Walks and Open Spaces byelaw.

**Use this document to answer your questions before you respond to the consultation**

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	Part 1 - General				
1	General Interpretation	Yes	In this section 1, these are statements, acting as explanatory notes to the rest of the byelaws	<p>In these byelaws:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “the Council” means Three Rivers District Council;</li> <li>- “the ground” means any of the grounds listed in the Schedules;</li> <li>- “designated area” means an area in the ground which is set aside for a specified purpose, that area and its purpose to be indicated by notices placed in a conspicuous position;</li> <li>- “invalid carriage” means a vehicle, whether mechanically propelled or not, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the unladen weight of which does not exceed 150 kilograms,</li> <li>(b) the width of which does not exceed 0.85 metres, and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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				c) which has been constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of a person suffering from a disability, and used solely by such a person.	
2.	Application These byelaws apply to all of the grounds listed in Schedule 1 unless otherwise stated.			These byelaws apply to all of the grounds listed in Schedule 1 unless otherwise stated.	
3	Opening times (1) No vehicle shall enter or remain in the ground except during opening hours. (2) "Opening hours" means the days and times during which the ground is open to the public and which are indicated by a notice placed in a conspicuous position at the entrance to the ground. (3) Byelaw 3(1) applies only to the grounds listed in Part 1 of Schedule 2.		Which sites have opening hours?  How will we know?	Nearly all Three Rivers green spaces are fully accessible to the public 24 hours a day 365 days a year so there are no restrictions.  At the moment the only sites with opening and closing times is the Aquadrome and Leavesden Country Park, where vehicular access is restricted <a href="http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/leisure-and-culture">http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/leisure-and-culture</a>	This applies to all sites where byelaws are made
	<b>Part 2</b> <b>Protection of the ground, its wildlife and the public</b>				

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4	<b>Interpretation of Part 2</b>		In this section 4, these are statements, acting as explanatory notes to the rest of Part 2	“Sky lantern” means any unmanned device which relies on an open flame or other heat source to heat air within it with the intention of causing it to lift into the atmosphere	
5	<p><b>Protection of structures and plants</b></p> <p>(1) No person shall without reasonable excuse remove from or displace within the ground:</p> <p>(a) any barrier, post, seat or implement, or any part of a structure or ornament provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the ground; or</p> <p>(b) any stone, soil or turf or the whole or any part of any plant, shrub or tree.</p>	See S3.iii	<p>I volunteer with a group that does maintenance work in a park. Does this mean we will have to stop?</p> <p>Does this stop me metal-detecting?</p>	<p>No. Though it is important that the Council agrees the work that volunteers do – either through an action plan or on a task-specific basis.</p> <p>Yes. The council does not encourage metal detecting. This can often leave divots and holes and is especially unwelcomed in the nature reserves.</p>	This applies to all sites where byelaws are made
5	(2) No person shall walk on or ride, drive or station a horse or any vehicle over:	See S4; S5.i and S6.i	Does this apply in wild spaces such as Croxley Common Moor; you can't help but step on plants here.	We want people to enjoy parks and wild spaces and go exploring. The byelaw is mainly designed to prevent wilful damage to trees and of designed features – flowerbeds, shrub beds etc – in more formal settings and in Housing areas.	This applies to all sites where byelaws are made

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	<p>(a) any flower bed, shrub or plant;</p> <p>(b) any ground in the course of preparation as a flower bed or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant; or</p> <p>(c) any part of the ground set aside by the Council for the renovation of turf or for other landscaping purposes and indicated by a notice conspicuously displayed.</p>				
6	<p><b>Unauthorised erection of structures</b></p> <p>No person shall without the consent of the Council erect any barrier, post, ride or swing, building or any other structure.</p>		<p>Can I use a gazebo for a children's party?</p> <p>What if I am organising an event – how do I get consent for structures relating to this?</p> <p>Does this include ropes</p>	<p>Yes but you will need to complete the Hire of Grounds form. This is for the safe management and use of the green space.</p> <p><a href="http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/parks-and-open-spaces">http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/parks-and-open-spaces</a></p> <p>An event can be said to be an activity where the wider public are invited and encouraged and/or tickets are sold to take part. Events require the consent of the Council. Any barriers or structures etc should be agreed as part of that process.</p> <p><a href="http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/temporary-events">http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/temporary-events</a></p>	<p>This applies to all sites where byelaws are made</p>

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			swings in trees?	Yes. Rope swings from trees are potentially dangerous and not permitted on Council land. The Council will remove these if found.	
7	<b>Climbing</b> No person shall without reasonable excuse climb any wall or fence in or enclosing the ground, or any tree, or any barrier, railing, post or other structure.	Original Byelaw - S3.ii	I will need to climb the stile to access some sites, is this permissible?	Yes, providing the stile is the permitted right of way or route of access on to and from the land in question	This applies to all sites where byelaws are made
8	<b>Grazing</b> No person shall without the consent of the Council turn out or permit any animal for which he is responsible to graze in the ground.		How do I ask for consent?	Consent can be requested by contacting <a href="mailto:enquiries@threerivers.gov.uk">enquiries@threerivers.gov.uk</a> 01923 726611 or <a href="mailto:Land.&amp;ValuersRequests@ThreeRivers.gov.uk">Land.&amp;ValuersRequests@ThreeRivers.gov.uk</a>	This applies to all sites where byelaws are made
9	<b>Protection of wildlife</b> No person shall kill, injure, take or disturb any animal or wildlife, or engage in hunting or shooting or the setting of traps or the laying of snares, or otherwise remove or damage the habitat of any animal or wildlife unless with the consent of the Council by way of a licence or other such approval.	Original Byelaw - S19		See the following websites for more info: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency">https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency</a> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/natural-england">https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/natural-england</a>	This applies to all sites where byelaws are made
10	<b>Gates</b>			Simply ensure all gates are closed securely	This applies

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	No person shall leave open any gate to which this byelaw applies and which he has opened or caused to be opened.			behind you.	to all sites where byelaws are made
11	<p><b>Camping</b></p> <p>No person shall without the consent of the Council erect a tent or use a vehicle, caravan or any other structure for the purpose of camping</p>	Original Byelaw - S17.i and ii	<p>What is camping? Can we put a tent up during the day as a sun shade or for children to play with or to use as shelter if it rains?</p> <p>Do you intend to give general consent for camping in any of the green spaces? That is, will you ever allow camping to take place without somebody asking for the Council's permission?</p>	<p>This byelaw does not cover tents in parks and open spaces erected during the day or evening for recreational use.</p> <p>The use of the term 'camping' applied in the byelaw carries its ordinary English meaning (as set out in OED). There needs to be some overnight residence where the occupant is accommodated within an enclosed moveable form of shelter.</p> <p>Overnight camping can only take place with the consent of the council. Consent can be requested by contacting <a href="mailto:enquiries@threerivers.gov.uk">enquiries@threerivers.gov.uk</a> or 01923726611</p> <p>No, not currently. We do not think there are any green spaces where it would be appropriate to allow this. However we might issue short term general consents, for example to cover specific events, but only if a strong case were made that this could happen without harming the enjoyment of the park for</p>	This applies to all sites where byelaws are made

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12	<p><b>Fires</b></p> <p>(1) No person shall:</p> <p>(a) light a fire or</p> <p>(b) place, throw or drop a lighted match or any other thing likely to cause a fire.</p> <p>(c) Release a lighted sky lantern into the atmosphere.</p> <p>(2) Byelaw 11(1) shall not apply to: The lighting of a fire at any event for which the Council has given permission that fires may be lit.</p>			<p>Simply: No fires are allowed anywhere or at any time; except where prior permission is granted by the Council, via the Hire of Grounds form: <a href="http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/parks-and-open-spaces">http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/parks-and-open-spaces</a></p> <p>In particular, the Council does <u>not</u> allow Sky lanterns on its land</p>	This applies to all sites where byelaws are made
13	<p><b>Missiles</b></p> <p>No person shall throw or use any device to propel or discharge in the ground any object which is liable to cause injury to any other person.</p>		Does this include footballs, cricket balls or tennis balls?	<p>The use of balls for playing games is a legitimate recreational use of a park or green space providing it is done in places that do not put people at risk. It is sensible to suggest that anyone using a hard (e.g. cricket) or heavy ball does so out of the way of other park users and in designated areas.</p> <p>Yes. Obviously items such as javelins if not used in an appropriate way are liable to cause injury</p>	This applies to all sites where byelaws are made

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			Does this include field athletics items?		
14	<p><b>Interference with life-saving equipment</b></p> <p>No person shall except in case of emergency remove from or displace within the ground or otherwise tamper with any life-saving appliance provided by the Council.</p>			This includes rubber or inflatable rings used on watercourses.	This applies to all sites where byelaws are made
	<p><b>Part 3 - Horses, cycles and vehicles</b></p>				
15	<p><b>Interpretation of Part 3</b></p>		In this section 15, these are statements, acting as explanatory notes to the rest of Part 3	<p>In this Part:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “designated route” means a route in or through the ground which is set aside for a specified purpose, its route and that purpose to be indicated by notices placed in a conspicuous position;</li> <li>- “motor cycle” means a mechanically-propelled vehicle, not being an invalid carriage, with less than four wheels and the weight of which does not exceed 410 kilograms;</li> <li>- “motor vehicle” means any mechanically-propelled vehicle other than a motor cycle or an invalid carriage;</li> </ul>	

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				- "trailer" means a vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle and includes a caravan.	
16	<p><b>Horses</b></p> <p>(1) No person shall ride a horse except:</p> <p>(a) in any of the grounds listed in Part 2 of Schedule 2; or</p> <p>(b) in the exercise of a lawful right or privilege.</p> <p>(2) Where horse-riding is permitted in any ground by virtue of byelaw 16 (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.</p>		<p>Where are the designated routes for riding?</p> <p>If the site I ride in is not in your list can I ride there?</p>	<p>Horse riding is <u>not</u> restricted in any public open space over 4 hectares. Therefore you can ride in these spaces if it is safe to do so.</p> <p>The Council will only restrict the use of these spaces, if a problem or dangerous behaviour occurs.</p> <p>See Part 2 Schedule 2 of the Byelaws.</p> <p>If you're not sure, contact the council on 01923 776611</p>	See Part 2 Schedule 2
17	<p><b>Cycling</b></p> <p>(1) No person shall ride a cycle in the ground in such a manner as to cause danger or reasonable fear of injury to any other person.</p> <p>(2) This Byelaw does not apply to the grounds listed in Part 3 of Schedule 2 where no cycling is permitted at any time.</p>	Original Byelaw - Partly – see S5.i and ii	<p>Does this apply on all cycle routes?</p> <p>Who decides what is 'reasonable fear'?</p> <p>Is there a speed limit for</p>	<p>This will apply to all cycle routes except the grounds listed in Part 3 Schedule 2</p> <p>Initially the Council will make a decision and possibly ban the person(s) involved or ban the use of the route. Ultimately this would be a matter for a court to determine if there were a prosecution.</p> <p>There is no specific speed restriction in the</p>	See Part 3 Schedule 2

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			cyclists?	byelaw but excess speed that results in danger or reasonable fear could be evidence of breach of this byelaw. Consideration for other park users should avoid breach.	
18	<p><b>Motor vehicles</b></p> <p>(1) No person shall without reasonable excuse bring into or drive in the ground a motor cycle, motor vehicle or trailer except in any part of the ground where there is a right of way for that class of vehicle.</p> <p>(2) Where there is a designated route for motor cycles, motor vehicles or trailers, it shall not be an offence under this byelaw to bring into or drive in the ground a vehicle of that class for the sole purpose of transporting it to the route.</p>		<p>How do I know where there are rights of way or designated routes?</p> <p>What are reasonable excuses – what is allowed and what is not allowed?</p>	<p>Sometimes there can be lawful rights such as easements and driving in exercise of those rights would be lawful. If you feel you have a right to drive across a green space you should tell the Council about it.</p> <p>This is effectively a defence to a byelaw and it would be for the person claiming the reasonable excuse to show that it was reasonable. It is hard to give a list therefore as every circumstance will be different, but it is easy to anticipate that a life and limb emergency would be judged to amount to a reasonable excuse.</p>	This applies to all sites where byelaws are made
19	<p><b>Overnight parking</b></p> <p>No person shall without the consent of the Council leave or cause or permit to be left any motor vehicle in the ground between the hours of 10p.m. and 6a.m.</p>		How do I get consent from the Council?	<p>The Council might sometimes give a general consent. Otherwise specific consent can be requested via the Hire of Grounds form: <a href="http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/parks-and-open-spaces">http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/parks-and-open-spaces</a> or by contacting the Property team: <a href="mailto:Land.&amp;ValuersRequests@ThreeRivers.gov">Land.&amp;ValuersRequests@ThreeRivers.gov</a>.</p>	This applies to all sites where byelaws are made

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	<b>Part 4 - Play areas, games and sports</b>				
20	<b>Interpretation of Part 4</b>		In this section 20, these are statements, acting as explanatory notes to the rest of Part 4	In this Part: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “ball games” means any game involving throwing, catching, kicking, batting or running with any ball or other object designed for throwing and catching, but does not include cricket;</li> <li>- “golf course” means any area within the ground set aside for the purposes of playing golf and includes any golf driving range, golf practice area or putting course;</li> <li>- “self-propelled vehicle” means a vehicle other than a cycle, invalid carriage or pram which is propelled by the weight or force of one or more persons skating, sliding or riding on the vehicle or by one or more persons pulling or pushing the vehicle.</li> </ul>	
21	<b>Children’s play areas</b> No person aged 14 years or over shall enter or remain in a designated area which is a children’s play area unless in charge of a child under the age of 14 years (unless making use of the	Original Byelaw - S12		Please see the Three Rivers DC website for details <a href="http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/play-areas">http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/play-areas</a>	

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	adult gym included within a children's play area).				
22	<p><b>Children's play apparatus</b></p> <p>No person aged 14 years or over shall use any apparatus stated to be for the exclusive use of persons under the age of 14 years by a notice conspicuously displayed on or near the apparatus.</p>	Original Byelaw - S13		<p>Please see the Three Rivers DC website for details</p> <p><a href="http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/play-areas">http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/play-areas</a></p>	
23	<p><b>Skateboarding, etc</b></p> <p>(1) No person shall skate, slide or ride on rollers, skateboards or other self-propelled vehicles except in a designated area for such activities.</p> <p>(2) Where there is a designated area for skating, sliding or riding on rollers, skateboards or other self-propelled vehicles, no person shall engage in those activities in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons.</p>		<p>Where can I skate, slide or ride on rollers?</p> <p>How do I find out where the designated areas are?</p>	<p>More information can be found on the Three Rivers website: <a href="http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/skate-parks">http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/skate-parks</a></p> <p>Skateboarding, cycling, and other activities are particularly banned around the area of Three Rivers House, the Library and Watersmeet theatre and a number of other car parks in the district. See the Three Rivers website for further information: <a href="https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/parking-bylaws">https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/parking-bylaws</a></p>	
24	<p><b>Ball games</b></p> <p>No person shall play ball games</p>	Original Byelaw -	How do I find out where the designated areas are?	More information can be found on the Three Rivers website for football pitches, MUGA's,	

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	<p>outside a designated area for playing ball games in such a manner:</p> <p>(a) as to exclude persons not playing ball games from use of that part;</p> <p>(b) as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person in the ground; or</p> <p>(c) which is likely to cause damage to any tree, shrub or plant in the ground.</p>	S15		<p>Tennis Courts, and any other marked out pitches</p> <p><a href="http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/sport-and-health">http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/sport-and-health</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/parks-and-playing-fields">http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/parks-and-playing-fields</a></p>	
25	It is an offence for any person using a designated area for playing ball games to break any of the rules set out in Schedule 3 and conspicuously displayed on a sign in the designated area when asked by any person to desist from breaking those rules.				
26	<p><b>Cricket</b></p> <p>No person shall throw or strike a cricket ball with a bat except in a designated area for playing cricket.</p>		How do I get consent from the Council?	There are not, currently, any designated Cricket pitches; however we may develop pitches in the future.	
27	<b>Archery</b>		How do I get consent from	Specific consent can be requested via the Hire of Grounds form: <a href="http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-">http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-</a>	This applies to all sites

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	No person shall engage in the sport of archery except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Council.		the Council?	<a href="#">page/parks-and-open-spaces</a>	where byelaws are made
28	<b>Field sports</b> No person shall throw or put any javelin, hammer, discus or shot except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Council [or on land set aside by the Council for that purpose].		How do I get consent from the Council?	Specific consent can be requested via the Hire of Grounds form: <a href="http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/parks-and-open-spaces">http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/parks-and-open-spaces</a>	This applies to all sites where byelaws are made
29	<b>Golf</b> No person shall drive, chip or pitch a hard golf ball except on the golf course.		Where are the golf courses?	Rickmansworth Golf Course is located in Moor Lane, Rickmansworth, Herts WD3 1QL. Further information can be found at: <a href="http://www.hertsmereleisure.co.uk/rickmansworth-golf-course">http://www.hertsmereleisure.co.uk/rickmansworth-golf-course</a>	This applies to all sites where byelaws are made
	<b>Part 5 - Waterways</b>				
30	<b>Interpretation of part 5</b>		In this section 31, these are statements, acting as explanatory notes to the rest of Part 5	In this Part: - “boat” means any yacht, motor boat or similar craft but not a model or toy boat; - “power-driven” means driven by the combustion of petrol vapour or other combustible substances; - “waterway” means any river, lake, pool or other	

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				body of water and includes any fountain.	
31	<b>Bathing</b> No person shall without reasonable excuse bathe or swim in any waterway.	Original Byelaw - S10.i		No swimming is permitted anywhere. This is simply for safety reasons.	This applies to all sites where byelaws are made
32	<b>Ice skating</b> No person shall step onto or otherwise place their weight upon any frozen waterway.			This is highly dangerous and will not be acceptable in any of our parks and open spaces.	This applies to all sites where byelaws are made
33	<b>Model boats</b> No person shall operate a power-driven model boat on any waterway except in a designated area for model boats.		Where are the designated areas for model boats?	You can only operate a power-driven model boat at Bury Lake, Rickmansworth, Aquadrome and then only as a member of the Rickmansworth Radio Yachting Club	
34	<b>Boats</b> No person shall sail or operate any boat, dinghy, canoe, sailboard or inflatable on any waterway without the consent of the Council except in a designated area for the sailing or operation of boats.	Original Byelaw - S10.iii	Where are the designated boating areas?	See the Three Rivers website: <a href="http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/rickmansworth-aquadrome">http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/rickmansworth-aquadrome</a>	This applies to all sites where byelaws are made

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35	<b>Fishing</b> 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.		Where are the designated areas for fishing?	There is fishing at Batchworth Lake and along the River Colne, where this stretch of the river runs adjacent to the Aquadrome.  The local fishing club, Uxbridge Rovers offer day passes. <a href="http://www.uracs.co.uk/">http://www.uracs.co.uk/</a>	This applies to all sites where byelaws are made
36	<b>Pollution</b> No person shall foul or pollute any waterway.	Original Byelaw - S10.ii		Simply no pollution will be tolerated, anywhere or at any time.  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/report-an-environmental-incident">https://www.gov.uk/report-an-environmental-incident</a>	This applies to all sites where byelaws are made
37	<b>Blocking of watercourses</b> No person shall cause or permit the flow of any drain or watercourse in the ground to be obstructed, diverted, open or shut or otherwise move or operate any sluice or similar apparatus.			All sluices, drains, watercourses are carefully managed. These should never be tampered with.	This applies to all sites where byelaws are made
	<b>Part 6 - Model aircraft</b>				
38	<b>Interpretation of part 6</b>		In this section 39, these are statements, acting as explanatory notes to the rest of Part 6	In this Part:  - "model aircraft" means an aircraft which weighs not more than 7 kilograms without its fuel;  - "power-driven" means driven by:	

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				<p>(a) the combustion of petrol vapour or other combustible substances;</p> <p>(b) jet propulsion or by means of a rocket, other than by means of a small reaction motor powered by a solid fuel pellet not exceeding 2.54 centimetres in length; or</p> <p>(c) one or more electric motors or by compressed gas.</p> <p>- "radio control" means control by a radio signal from a wireless transmitter or similar device.</p>	
39	<p><b>General prohibition</b></p> <p>No person shall cause any power-driven model aircraft to:</p> <p>(a) take off or otherwise be released for flight or control the flight of such an aircraft in the ground; or</p> <p>(b) land in the ground without reasonable excuse.</p>		<p>Does this include drones?</p> <p>Where are the designated areas for model aircraft?</p>	<p>Yes this byelaws includes the use of Drones</p> <p>The only designated area is a part of Croxley Common Moor</p>	<p>This applies to all sites where byelaws are made</p>
40	<p>Byelaw 39 does not apply to the grounds listed in Part 4 of Schedule 2 on the days and times indicated for each ground in column 2 of that table.</p>				



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			<p>Can I take children from a nursery to a park?</p> <p>Can I operate a Forest School in parks?</p> <p>Can I do balloon flights from a park?</p> <p>Can I collect for charity in a park?</p> <p>Will I have to pay for consent?</p>	<p>space concerned. Only permissible, if these are in place.</p> <p>Yes, this is not a business being run in the park.</p> <p>Yes but only with the council's consent: <a href="http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/parks-and-open-spaces">http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/parks-and-open-spaces</a></p> <p>Yes but only if you have the council's consent: <a href="http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/parks-and-open-spaces">http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/parks-and-open-spaces</a></p> <p>Charity collections are regulated under other legislation. <a href="https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2003-17">https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2003-17</a></p> <p>Yes, you will usually be charged to use the park but we will take into account the scale of your business and whether it takes use of some of the park away from other people: <a href="http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-">http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-</a></p>	

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				<a href="#">page/parks-and-open-spaces</a>	
42	<p><b>Excessive noise</b></p> <p>(1) No person shall, after being requested to desist by any other person in the ground, make or permit to be made any noise which is so loud or so continuous or repeated as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to other persons in the ground by:</p> <p>(a) shouting or singing;</p> <p>(b) playing on a musical instrument; or</p> <p>(c) by operating or permitting to be operated any radio, amplifier, tape recorder or similar device.</p> <p>(2) Byelaw 43(1) does not apply to any person holding or taking part in any entertainment held with the consent of the Council.</p>	Original Byelaw - S20	<p>Does this include an MP3 device or CD player?</p> <p>How do I get consent, if I am holding an event?</p>	<p>In this context these are similar devices to radios, amplifiers or tape recorders, so yes it does.</p> <p>Consent might be specifically requested by completing the Hire of Grounds form : <a href="http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/eqcl-page/parks-and-open-spaces">http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/eqcl-page/parks-and-open-spaces</a></p>	This applies to all sites where byelaws are made
43	<p><b>Public shows and performances</b></p> <p>No person shall without the consent of the Council hold or take part in any public show or performance.</p>		How do I get consent from the Council?	<p>Consent might be specifically requested by completing the Hire of Grounds form : <a href="http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/eqcl-page/parks-and-open-spaces">http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/eqcl-page/parks-and-open-spaces</a></p> <p>Or if a licence is required, contact the Licencing</p>	This applies to all sites where byelaws are made

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44	<p><b>Aircraft, hang gliders, paramotors and hot air balloons</b></p> <p>No person shall except in case of emergency or with the consent of the Council take off from or land in the ground in an aircraft, helicopter, hang glider, paramotor (or similar manned machine) or hot air balloon.</p>		How do I get consent from the Council?	<p>Consent might be specifically requested by completing the Hire of Grounds form : <a href="http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/parks-and-open-spaces">http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/parks-and-open-spaces</a></p> <p>Or if a licence is required, contact the Licencing team: <a href="mailto:Licensing.Team@threerivers.gov.uk">Licensing.Team@threerivers.gov.uk</a></p>	This applies to all sites where byelaws are made
45	<p><b>Kites</b></p> <p>No person shall fly any kite in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person.</p>			<p>The council would not consider the usual use of a kite to be dangerous, however they can be used in a dangerous manner.</p> <p>The Council will only restrict the use of kites, if a problem or dangerous behaviour occurs.</p>	This applies to all sites where byelaws are made
46	<p><b>Metal detectors</b></p> <p>No person shall without the consent of the Council use any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the ground.</p>			<p>The council does not encourage metal detecting. This can often leave divots and holes which are dangerous to runners and walkers, amongst others.</p> <p>Metal detectors are especially unwelcomed in the nature reserves.</p>	This applies to all sites where byelaws are made
	<b>Part 8 – Miscellaneous</b>				

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47	<p><b>Obstruction</b></p> <p>No person shall obstruct:</p> <p>(a) any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his duties;</p> <p>(b) any person carrying out an act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council; or</p> <p>(c) any other person in the proper use of the ground.</p>	Original Byelaw - S18			This applies to all sites where byelaws are made
48	<p><b>Savings</b></p> <p>(1) It shall not be an offence under these byelaws for an officer of the Council or any person acting in accordance with a contract with the Council to do anything necessary to the proper execution of his/her duty.</p> <p>(2) Nothing in or done under these byelaws shall in any respect prejudice or injuriously affect any public right of way through the ground, or the rights of any person acting lawfully by virtue of some estate, right or interest in, over or affecting the ground or any part of</p>				This applies to all sites where byelaws are made

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49	<p><b>Removal of offenders</b></p> <p>Any person offending against any of these byelaws may be removed from the ground by an officer of the Council or a constable.</p>	Original Byelaw - S22			This applies to all sites where byelaws are made
50	<p><b>Penalty</b></p> <p>Any person offending against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale</p>	Original Byelaw - S21	<p>How big is the fine?</p> <p>Will I get a Fixed Penalty Notice?</p>	<p>The maximum fine is currently £500. In addition anybody convicted can be ordered to pay a victim surcharges, as well as possibly being ordered to pay some or all of the prosecutor's legal and investigative costs.</p> <p>No, the ability to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice does not currently apply to this byelaw. Other alternatives to prosecution are available, such as the giving of a simple caution that can be referred to in court in future if convicted of further offences.</p>	This applies to all sites where byelaws are made
51	<p><b>Revocation</b></p> <p>The byelaws made by Three Rivers District Council on 24 October 1980 and confirmed by the Secretary of State to come into operation on 1<sup>st</sup> February 1981 on 15 January 1981 relating to the grounds set out therein are hereby revoked.</p>				
52	<p>The byelaws made by Amersham Rural District Council [(no longer in existence)] on 3 October 1972 and confirmed by the Secretary of State to come into operation on 1 March 1973 on 16 January 1973 relating to the grounds set out therein and which became under the control of Three Rivers District Council in 1991 are hereby revoked.</p>				