



THE WOOLWICH  
MILITARY LANDS

BYELAWS

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
PL (Lands)

Made by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department, under the provisions of the Military Lands Acts, 1892 to 1903, for regulating the use of certain War Department lands in the Metropolitan Boroughs of Woolwich and Greenwich in the County of London as set out in the Schedule hereto, for the purpose to which they are appropriated and for prohibiting all intrusion on such lands and all obstruction of the use thereof.

# STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1959 No. 523

## MILITARY LANDS

<i>The Woolwich Military Lands Byelaws</i>	1959
<i>Made 20th February</i>	1959
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*Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Part II of the Military Lands Act, 1892(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby makes the following Byelaws :—*

### LANDS AFFECTED

1. (1) The lands to which these Byelaws apply are the lands more particularly described in the Schedule to these Byelaws and shown on the plan annexed hereto, being lands situated in the Metropolitan Boroughs of Woolwich and Greenwich in the County of London and belonging to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department and appropriated by him for the stationing and training of troops and for other military purposes, and the said lands are in these Byelaws referred to as "the Military Lands", which phrase shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include any part or parts as well as the whole of the said lands.

(2) These Byelaws shall apply to all highways, roads and footpaths (whether public or private) upon the Military Lands and the phrase "the Military Lands" shall be construed accordingly, but nothing in these Byelaws shall interfere with the lawful exercise by any person of any public right of way.

### USE OF LANDS BY PUBLIC

2. Any use of or entry upon the Military Lands by the public shall be subject always to the restrictions, prohibitions and other provisions of these Byelaws.

### CONTROL OF ROAD TRAFFIC

3. The public may ride any horse or cycle or drive any horse-drawn or mechanically propelled vehicle on the road known as Stadium Road which is maintained by the War Department and situated upon the Military Lands when such road is not closed to the public or is not being used for any military purpose, but in such case :—

(1) No person shall ride a horse or cycle or drive a vehicle elsewhere than upon the carriageway of such road ;

(a) 55 & 56 Vict. c.43

(2) no person shall cause a vehicle to ply for hire on such road as a hackney carriage, taxicab or otherwise howsoever ;

(3) no person shall drive a mechanically propelled vehicle on such road at a speed exceeding 20 miles per hour ;

(4) every person who rides a horse or cycle or drives a horse-drawn or mechanically propelled vehicle on such road shall forthwith stop if a military policeman in uniform or a War Department constable in uniform requests or (by the holding up of the hand) signals him to do so, and shall not proceed further until such policeman or constable gives him the signal to proceed ; and

(5) no person shall ride a cycle or drive a horse-drawn or mechanically propelled vehicle upon such road during the hours of darkness as prescribed by the enactments relating to the lighting of road transport unless such cycle or vehicle carries the appropriate lights which are required to be carried by such cycle or vehicle when on any public highway during the hours of darkness.

#### PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

4. No person when on the Military Lands shall :—

(a) Engage in or carry on any trade or business of any nature or kind whatsoever, or

(b) seek or perform any casual employment (whether by way of carrying soldiers' kits or otherwise howsoever), or

(c) engage in prostitution, or

(d) loiter, or commit any nuisance, or behave in any indecent or unseemly manner, or

(e) engage in gaming, betting or wagering.

5. No person shall :—

(a) Deposit or distribute or cause to be deposited or distributed on the Military Lands any handbills, leaflets or other literature or printed matter of any description, or

(b) affix any posters, bills or notices of any description in or on the boundaries, walls or fences of the Military Lands, or in or on any buildings or other structures on the Military Lands, or

(c) assemble or attempt to assemble or cause to assemble upon the Military Lands any number of persons for the purpose of a public or private meeting of any kind, or address any such persons when assembled.

6. No person shall :—
- (a) Camp (whether in tents, caravans or otherwise), or bivouac, or sleep out upon the Military Lands, or
  - (b) deposit, or leave any broken glass or other rubbish upon the Military Lands, or
  - (c) light any fire upon the Military Lands, or
  - (d) drop or leave upon the Military Lands any lighted or live matches or burning cigarette ends, or do any other act or thing likely to cause an outbreak of fire upon the Military Lands.
7. No person shall :—
- (a) Graze any animal upon the Military Lands, or
  - (b) cut any grass, turf or growing crops upon the Military Lands or remove the same from the Military Lands, or
  - (c) damage, cut or deface any growing trees or shrubs on the Military Lands, or remove any timber, trees, shrubs or wild flower roots from the Military Lands, or
  - (d) pursue or kill game or other birds or animals upon the Military Lands, or
  - (e) fish in any waters upon the Military Lands.
8. No person shall interfere with or remove from the Military Lands any stores or articles belonging to the War Department or otherwise the property of the Crown.
9. No person shall enter upon the Military Lands for the purpose of doing any act or thing prohibited by any of the foregoing Byelaws Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 and no person shall bring or cause to be brought on to the Military Lands any animal, vehicle or thing for the purpose of doing or facilitating the doing of any act or thing so prohibited.

#### WARNING OFF

10. (1) No person shall remain on the Military Lands after having been warned off by the Officer in Charge of the Military Lands or by a person acting under the authority and on behalf of the said Officer.
- (2) No person, being the owner or person for the time being in charge of any animal, vehicle or thing upon the Military Lands, shall permit the same to remain upon the Military Lands after having been warned to remove the same by the Officer in Charge of the Military Lands or by a person acting under the authority and on behalf of the said Officer.

#### OFFENCES

11. (1) Any person contravening any of the preceding Byelaws Nos. 3 to 10 (inclusive) shall be deemed to commit an offence against the Byelaws so contravened.

(2) The persons hereby authorised to remove from the Military Lands and to take into custody without warrant any person committing an offence against any of the said Byelaws, and to remove from the Military Lands any vehicle, animal or thing found on the Military Lands in contravention of any of the said Byelaws are:—

- (1) the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command ;
- (2) the Officer in Charge of the Military Lands ;
- (3) any officer, warrant officer or non-commissioned officer of any of the Armed Forces, or any military policeman or War Department constable in uniform, being for the time being under the Command of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief or of the said Officer in Charge ;
- (4) any person authorised in writing by or on behalf of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief or of the said Officer in Charge ; and
- (5) any police constable.

#### EXEMPTIONS

12. (1) Nothing done by a person using the Military Lands for any of the military purposes for which they are for the time being appropriated if done in pursuance of such military purpose, shall be deemed to constitute an offence against any of these Byelaws.
- (2) Nothing done by a person acting under and in accordance with any authority or permission given by or on behalf of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command or the Officer in Charge of the Military Lands shall be deemed to constitute an offence against any of these Byelaws.

#### INTERPRETATION

13. The Interpretation Act, 1889(a) shall apply to the interpretation of these Byelaws as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

#### DATE OF OPERATION OF BYELAWS

14. (1) These Byelaws shall come into operation on the 11th day of May 1959 on and after which date the Byelaws in respect of the Woolwich District Military Lands dated the 10th day of September, 1934(b) shall be revoked.
- (2) These Byelaws may be cited as the Woolwich Military Lands Byelaws 1959.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63

(b) S.R. & O. 1934/986

## SCHEDULE

### DESCRIPTION OF LANDS AFFECTED

The Military Lands situated in the Metropolitan Boroughs of Woolwich and Greenwich in the County of London are as follows :—

- (1) All that area including Cambridge and Red Barracks bounded on the north by Borgard Road, North Kent Grove and private property and on the east by private property and on the south by Artillery Place and on the west by Frances Street.
- (2) All that area including Royal Artillery Barracks and Parade and the Barrack Field bounded on the north by Artillery Place and Wellington Street and on the east by St. John's Passage and Grand Depot Road and Woolwich New Road and on the south by Ha-Ha Road and on the west by Repository Road.
- (3) All that area including Grand Depot Barracks bounded on the north by Love Lane and private property and on the east by Her Majesty's General Post Office and on the south by Grand Depot Road and Woolwich New Road, and on the west by St. John's Passage.
- (4) All that area including the Garrison Church and Connaught Barracks bounded on the north and west by Grand Depot Road and on the east and south by Woolwich New Road.
- (5) All that area including the Military School and Warrant Officers' Quarters bounded on the north by private property and on the east by Brookhill Road and on the south by Sandy Hill Road and on the west by Woolwich New Road.
- (6) All that area including Cambridge Cottages, Transport Yard, Mill House, Royal Engineer Office and Stores, Garrison Medical Centre, Military Families Hospital, Government House, Officers' and Warrant Officers' and Married Soldiers' Quarters, bounded on the north by Sandy Hill Road and on the east by Brookhill Road and on the south by Nightingale Place and on the west by Woolwich New Road.
- (7) All that area including Greenhill Schools and Married Soldiers' Quarters, Upper and Lower Gun Parks and Royal Military Repository bounded on the north by Hillreach and on the east by Repository Road, and on the south by Ha-Ha Road and on the west by private property.
- (8) All that area including Woolwich Common Sports Ground Number 6, Woolwich Stadium, the Command Supply Depot, R.A.S.C., Veterinary Lines, Shrapnel Barracks, R.A.S.C. Barrack Stores and Paddocks, the

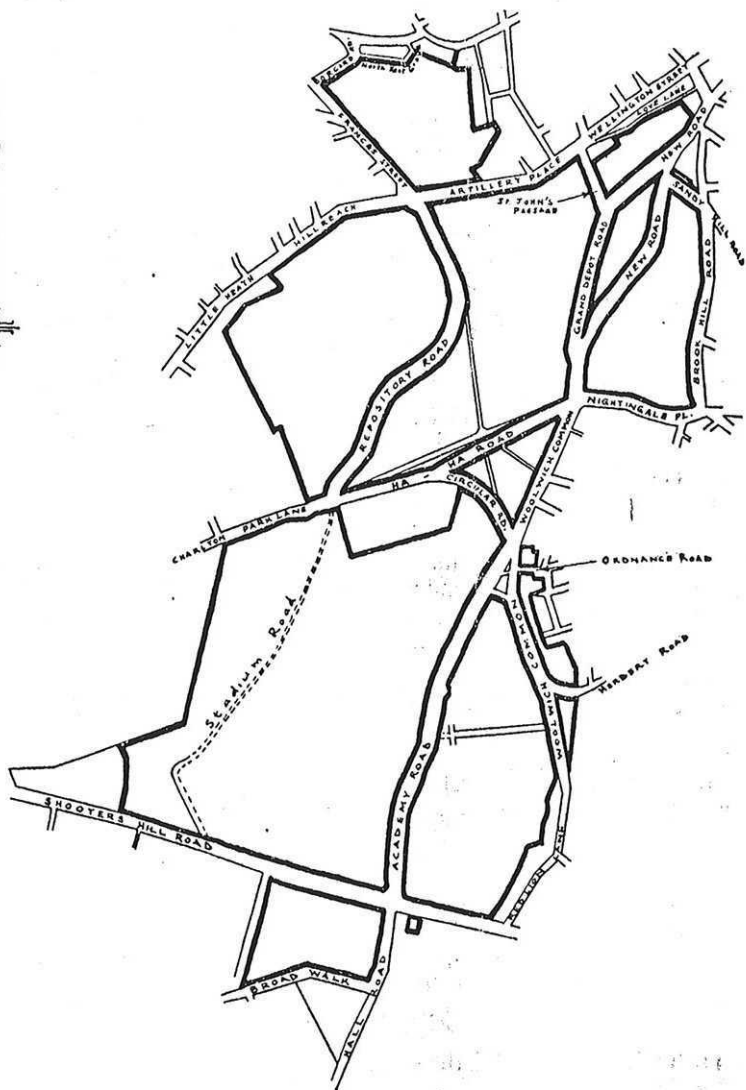
Garrison Laundry, the Nursing Sisters' Quarters, the Royal Army Medical Corps Officers' Mess, the Reservoir and Woolwich Common, bounded on the north by Charlton Park Lane and Ha-Ha Road and Circular Road, and on the east by Academy Road, and on the south by Shooters Hill Road and on the west by private property.

- (9) All that area including Sports Ground Number 5 bounded on the north and west by Ha-Ha Road and on east by Woolwich Common Road and on the south by Circular Road.
- (10) All that area including the Royal Military Academy and Married Officers' Quarters bounded on the north by Municipal Gardens and on the east by Woolwich Common and Red Lion Lane and private property and on the south by Shooters Hill and on the west by Academy Road.
- (11) All that area bounded on the north and east by private property and on the south by Ordnance Road and on the west by Woolwich Common Road.
- (12) All that area including 58, 62, 64A, 65, 66 and 67 The Common, bounded on the north by Ordnance Road and on the east by Ordnance Road and private property and on the south by Herbert Road and on the west by Woolwich Common Road.
- (13) All that area including Warrant Officers' and Married Soldiers' Quarters, bounded on the north by Herbert Road and on the east and south by private property and on the west by Red Lion Lane.
- (14) All that area including Royal Herbert Hospital, bounded on the north by Shooters Hill Road and on the east by Well Hall Road and on the south by Broad Walk and on the west by Brook Hospital.
- (15) All that area including Warrant Officers' Quarters, bounded on the north by Shooters Hill and on the east by private property and on the south by Eltham Common and on the west by Shooters Hill Police Station.

DATED this twentieth day of February One thousand nine hundred and fiftynine.

J. R. MCGREGOR

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By Order of Her Majesty's Principal  
Secretary of State for the War Department.*



Areas of Military Lands shown thus





## NOTICES

### PENALTY FOR OFFENCES

1. By Section 17(2) of the Military Lands Act, 1892, it is provided that:—

If any person commits an offence against any Byelaw under this Act, he shall be liable, on conviction before a court of summary jurisdiction, to a fine not exceeding five pounds, and may be removed by any constable or officer authorised in manner provided by the Byelaw from the area to which the Byelaw applies, and taken into custody without warrant, and brought before a court of summary jurisdiction to be dealt with according to law, and any vehicle, animal, vessel, or thing found in the area in contravention of any Byelaw, may be removed by any constable or such officer as aforesaid, and on due proof of such contravention, be declared by a court of summary jurisdiction to be forfeited to Her Majesty.

### INSPECTION OF BYELAWS AND PLAN

2. A copy of these Byelaws and a plan showing the land area may be inspected at the office of the Commander, Woolwich Garrison, Government House, New Road, Woolwich, where copies of the Byelaws may also be obtained at the price of one shilling for each copy.

*Notwithstanding any fine limit mentioned in the above byelaws the current maximum fine as at 01/09/2008 is the sum of £500 being the maximum on level 2 of the standard scale.*