

Byelaw for countryside recreation application form

Use this form to apply to make or amend byelaws that need the confirmation or provisional approval of the Secretary of State for the Department for Food, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra).

Read the guidance [Making, amending, and revoking countryside recreation byelaws](#) before filling in this form.

You must also send with the form:

- a copy of any current relevant byelaws that are in operation (if applicable)
- a map or plan of the area the byelaw will cover
- a copy of the feedback from any consultations
- 2 copies of the sealed byelaws and 2 copies of the unsealed byelaws (if seeking final confirmation)

Submit the form and documents to: accessheoteam@defra.gov.uk.

Authority details

Authority name

Authority address

Postcode

The lead contact should be the best person to contact about this application.

Lead contact name

Lead contact email address

Lead contact telephone number

Legislation under which byelaws are made

Select all the legislation that you are applying to make the byelaw under.

Commons and town and village green

- Section 6 of the Metropolitan Commons Act 1866
- Section 84 of the Wimbledon and Putney Common Act 1871
- Section 15 of the Commons Act 1876
- Section 36 of the Epping Forest Act 1878
- Section 1 of the Commons Act 1899
- Section 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906
- Section 193 of the Law of Property Act 1925
- Section 235 of the Local Government Act 1972
- Section 19 of the Ashdown Forest Act 1974
- Section 11 of the Dartmoor Commons Act 1985
- Section 17 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000
- Section 15 of the Greenham and Crookham Commons Act 2002
- Section 10 and 11 of the Monken Hadley Commons Act 2022

National Parks and National Landscapes

- Section 90 and 91 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949
- Section 9 of the New Forest Act 1949
- Section 12 and 13 of the Countryside Act 1968
- Section 17 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000

Country parks and picnic sites

- Section 41 of the Countryside Act 1968
- Section 17 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000

Countryside

- Green Belt (London and Home Counties) Act 1938
- Section 41 of the Countryside Act 1968
- Section 19 of the Ashdown Forest Act 1974
- London (Various Powers) Act 1990
- Section 17 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000

Other

Specify any other legislation you are applying to make a byelaw under.

Are there any considerations to take into account in the legislation you are making the byelaw under?

- Yes No

If you answered yes, please state what they are and how you've taken them into account.

Byelaw details

Have you carried out a preliminary consultation?

This is strongly advised. See step 2 of the guidance [Making, amending, and revoking countryside recreation byelaws](#).

- Yes No

Have you consulted Natural England?

- Yes No

State the purpose of each byelaw you are applying for.

For example:

- regulating camping for nature preservation
- prohibiting unauthorised aircraft landings for airspace safety
- controlling power-driven model aircraft to prevent hazards

Outline the local concern and why the byelaw is a proportionate measure to address this.

Byelaws must address genuine local concerns without being used as unnecessary deterrents.

Does any existing enactment, law or legislation already fulfil the purpose of and need for the proposed byelaw?

Yes No

If there are any existing related laws, byelaws or legislation, you must:

- say why the authority still considers there is a need for the proposed byelaw
- provide assurance that the proposed byelaw does not conflict with any existing enactments

Have any alternatives to making a byelaw either been tried or are not considered appropriate?

You must include details of what has been tried and why it has failed.

Have you used the Defra model byelaw template?

Yes No

If you answered yes, attach a copy of the model byelaw with this application.

Enforcing the byelaw

The byelaws will start being enforced one month after they are confirmed unless there are exceptional circumstances that make it necessary to start on a different date.

If you have a preferred alternative date, please let us know and say why.

If you're not sure about a date, you can email Defra for advice at:

accessheoteam@defra.gov.uk

Revoking a byelaw

Are you revoking any byelaws?

Yes No

If you answered yes, please give details.

Lead contact's signature

Date of application

Submit the completed application form by emailing it to: accessheoteam@defra.gov.uk.