

## BASILDON DISTRICT COUNCIL

### MILL MEADOWS NATURE RESERVE

The Basildon District Council in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Sections 20<sup>1</sup>, 21(4)<sup>2</sup> and 106<sup>3</sup> of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949<sup>3</sup>.

In accordance with Section 236(4) of the Local Government Act 1972<sup>3</sup> hereby make the following Byelaws for the protection of the Nature Reserve at Mill Meadows in the Parish(es) or community Parish(es) of Billericay in the County of Essex.

1. In these Byelaws:
  - (a) "The Reserve" shall mean the pieces or parcels of land containing in the whole 36 hectares or thereabouts and situate in the Parish(es) or community (communities) Parish(es) of Billericay in the County of Essex declared to be managed as a Nature Reserve by the declaration dated the 3rd day of March 1994 made by the Basildon District 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 coloured pink.
  - (b) "The Council" shall mean Basildon District Council.
  - (c) "Firearm" shall have the same meaning as in Section 57 of the Firearms Act 1968.
2. 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.

#### RESTRICTION OF ACCESS

- (i) Entering at any time those parts of the Reserve coloured purple on the attached map; or where notice to keep out has been posted by order of the Council.

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#### Notes

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

## DAMAGE TO OR DISTURBANCE OF THINGS IN THE RESERVE

- (ii) 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.
- (iii) Taking, molesting or intentionally disturbing, injuring or killing any living creature.
- (iv) 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.
- (v) Intentionally removing or displacing any tree, shrub, plant, fungus or part thereof, or any unfashioned mineral thing including water.
- (vi) Climbing or ascending any tree or climbing or placing a ladder or steps against any tree.

## BRINGING ANIMALS INTO THE RESERVE

- (vii) 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.
- (viii)
  - (a) Bringing into, or permitting to remain within, the Reserve any dog or any other animal unless it is kept under proper control and is prevented from worrying or disturbing any animal or bird.
  - (b) Every person in charge of a dog on the land shall, as far as reasonably practicable, comply with a direction given by any officer of the Council or constable to keep the dog on a lead.
  - (c) A direction under paragraph (b) above may only be given if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any person on the land or the worrying or disturbance of any animal or bird.
- (ix) Turning out any animal or poultry to feed or graze.

## AREAS OF WATER

- (x) Committing any act which pollutes or is likely to cause any pollution to any water.
- (xi) Obstructing the flow of any drain or water course.



## USE OF VEHICLES

- (xii) Driving, riding, propelling or leaving any cycle, motorcycle or any mechanically propelled vehicle (including hovercraft) elsewhere than on a highway or on a road, or in a place indicated by a notice as being available for the purpose.
- (xiii) Landing any aircraft except in the case of emergency.
- (xiv) Launching or landing (except in an emergency) a hang glider.
- (xv) Operating any hang glider at such a height that persons on the ground or in buildings may be inconvenienced or annoyed.

## USE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT

- (xvi) Using any apparatus for the transmission, reception, reproduction, or amplification of sound, speech or images by electrical or mechanical means, except cameras, mobile phones or personal stereos being used in an unobtrusive way, 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.
- (xvii) Using any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the Reserve.

## USE OF FIREARMS ETC

- (xviii) Being in possession of 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.
- (xix) Projecting any missile manually or by artificial means.

## GENERAL PROHIBITIONS

- (xx) Erecting, occupying or using any tent, shed, caravan or other structure for the purpose of camping.
- (xxi) Flying any kite or model aircraft.
- (xxii) Erecting any post, rail, fence, pole, booth, stand, building or other structure.
- (xxiii) Neglecting to shut any gate or to fasten it when the gate is shut and it is indicated on a notice conspicuously displayed that the gate be kept shut.
- (xxiv) Posting or placing any notice or advertisement.

- (xxv) 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.
- (xxvi) (a) Engaging in any activity which is causing or likely to cause a disturbance.
- (b) Holding any show, performance, public meeting, exhibition or sports or the playing of any organised games.
- (xxvii) Roller skating, skiing, tobogganing or skate-boarding.
- (xxviii) Lighting any fire, stove, heater or other appliance capable of causing a fire.
- (xxix) Letting fall or throwing any lighted match or lighted substance in a manner likely to cause a fire.
- (xxx) Intentionally leaving items in a place other than a receptacle provided by the Council for deposit of litter or refuse, including dog faeces.

### 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

- (1) The Council may issue permits or otherwise authorise 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.
- (2) 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:

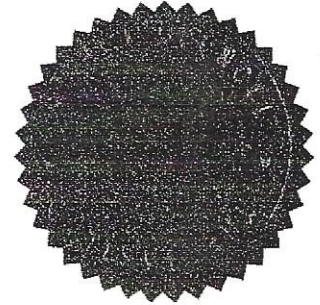
- (i) by a person of:

- (a) a right vested in him/her as owner, lessee or occupier of land in the Reserve;
  - (b) any easement or profit a prendre of which he is entitled; or
  - (c) any public right of way;
- (ii) of any function of a local authority, statutory undertaker or drainage authority; and
  - (iii) 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. PENALTY

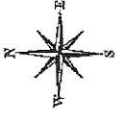
Any person who offends against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine on level 2 on the Standard Scale and in the case of a continuing offence to a further fine for each day during which the offence continues after the said conviction.

THE COMMON SEAL of                    )  
 BASILDON DISTRICT COUNCIL )  
 was hereunto affixed this 8th        )  
 day of December 2009                )



**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**





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