

Bradgate and Swithland Consultation by EMAIL to development@bradgatepark.org.

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One thing which is not entirely clear is whether these will replace the byelaws or support them. If the latter there are elements of the byelaws which do not appear to be covered i.e. in the first order, the removal of water from the river.

In general terms are Swithland Woods and Bradgate Park as biologically diverse and vibrant as they should be and could the PSPO be framed to address the causes of the apparent decline. Also do the PSPOs as worded, adequately make it clear the wide range of activities that are not wanted on the Estate, whilst retaining latitude to go after activities not yet considered. A list of specifics would make it easier for the rangers to act against at least the most common forms of bad behaviour.

<p>PSPO1 - No visitor, their activity or pet should disturb, remove, dig out, cause injury to any wildlife (including the introduction of wildlife species to sites without express permission of the appropriate authorities), Bradgate Park deer or damage to any heritage or landscape feature. It expressly forbidden for any unauthorised person to feed or induce, or attempt to induce any deer to consume any article</p>	
<p>PSPO2 - No visitor shall engage in activities which are likely to cause nuisance, annoyance, harassment, damage, alarm or distress to other Estate users, visitors and staff. Including, but not limited to use of firearms, fireworks, barbecues or fires, verbal abuse, disorderly/offensive behaviour, damage to property and features including graffiti or vandalism, trespass to non-public areas and buildings, nuisance from motorised toys (including drones and model aircraft), drug (including legal highs) or alcohol related activity, violence or threat of violence / intimidation.</p>	
<p>PSPO3 - Traversing and riding with horses (or similar animals), any cycle or mechanically propelled vehicle in an unlawful and/or an anti social manner is not permitted. Every consideration should be given to all visitors and be undertaken safely considering other users, so as to not to cause annoyance or risk of injury. All activities, where permitted, must be on designated routes only and not occur across the wider open spaces. No unauthorised person should enter any area where the public is specifically excluded.</p>	
<p>PSPO4 - All litter should be disposed of in the general waste bins. All dog waste bags should be disposed of in the general waste bins. It is an offence to litter. No fly-tipping or fly-posting is permitted across any of the Estate.</p>	
<p>PSPO5 - Obligations on persons with dogs: (Part i) Fouling If a dog defecates at any time on land to which this order applies across the entire Estate a person who is in charge of the dog at the time must remove the faeces from the land forthwith unless (a) they have a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so. (Part ii) Leads by order A person in charge of a dog on land to which this order applies must comply with a direction given to him by an authorised officer of the Trust to put and</p>	<p>Whole concept of Lead Zones looks too complex – we would have thought a blanket 'dogs on leads at all times' would be simpler and more enforceable. We do not believe a dog will respond to call from its owner under all circumstances, especially where livestock and other dogs are the counter-attraction.</p> <p>A lot of people dog walk early in the morning. It would be simpler to have this operating throughout the 24hrs. Possibly consider having a rule that dogs must be on leads on Sats, Suns and Bank Holidays</p>

<p>keep the dog on a lead across the entire Estate unless (a) they have a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so. An authorised officer may only give a direction under this order if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or to a bird or another animal.</p> <p>(Part iii) Leads Required Seasonal Zone</p> <p>A person in charge of a dog on land detailed in Schedule 1 below must keep the dog on a lead unless (a) they have a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so. This seasonal zone will be enforced from Good Friday or April 1st (whichever is sooner) and run until October 31st between the hours of 9am and Dusk.</p> <p>(Part iv) Exclusion</p> <p>A person in charge of a dog must not take it into the protected Deer Sanctuary areas and wildlife protection zones which are signed at entrance(s) as a “dog exclusion area” (whether the sign uses those particular words or words and/or symbols having like effect) unless (a) he has reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.</p>	<p>Obligations on persons with dogs: We feel that having zones where dogs are allowed to run free should be clearly marked and notices be posted at all entrances to the park. If dogs need to be able to run free and enjoy the park with their owners at times specific areas (zones) for this activity would help keep the deer safer. We acknowledge that most dogs are not sufficiently trained to be called back so some separation fencing would be required which would restrict the areas deer could graze.</p> <p>Provision of 'waste bins' should not be intrusive but must be sufficient. We wish to reduce the need for the clutter of signs and furniture but would have thought separate litter and dog waste bins advisable.</p>
<p>PSPO6 - No unauthorised person should enter any area where the public is specifically excluded. Specifically no person should enter any water body to swim.</p>	<p>These must be clearly but unobtrusively marked which will be a challenge.</p> <p>We think that the word 'swim' is too prescriptive - the old term 'bathing' would seem more appropriate, or just prohibit any entry to water. Presumably you are referring to people swimming in the ponds, if you impose no entry into the water, you will also spoil any recreation for children who paddle or look for water creatures in the river/stream which should cause no harm to the park or deer</p>
<p>PSPO7 - No person shall camp, or stay upon any area of the Estate overnight.</p>	
<p>PSPO8 - No show, event or exhibition, or activity for commercial gain can be undertaken across the Estate without prior consent of the Trust.</p>	

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