

## GOOD RULE AND GOVERNMENT BYELAWS

Byelaws for the good rule and government of the Borough of Darlington and for the prevention of nuisances made by the Council of the Borough of Darlington in pursuance of Section 235 of the Local Government Act 1972.

1. Touting – No person shall in any street or public place for the purpose of selling or advertising any article or obtaining custom tout or importune to the annoyance or obstruction of passengers.
2. Indecent Language, etc – No person shall in any street or public place within view or hearing of any street or public place, use any indecent language or gesture, or commit or solicit, incite or provoke any other person to commit any indecent act to the annoyance of residents or passengers.
3. Violent Behaviour, etc., on School Premises – Any person other than a teacher, child, manager, or duly authorised person being in or on the buildings, playground or other premises of any county school or voluntary school, who after being requested to depart there from by the head teacher or teacher acting as the head teacher of such school, refuses to depart there from and makes use of any violent, abusive, profane, indecent or obscene language or otherwise behaves in a disorderly manner, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to the penalty hereinafter provided.
4. Indecent Shows – No person shall exhibit any indecent show in any street or public place to which persons are admitted with or without the payment of money.
5. Fireworks etc. in Places of Entertainment – No person shall, with intent to cause annoyance or inconvenience to any person in any place of entertainment to which the public are admitted with or without the payment of money, while the public are on the premises throw or let off any firework, stink-bomb or similar article, or squirt, spray or otherwise throw or scatter any offensive liquid, powder or substance in any such place as aforesaid.
6. Loitering at Church Doors – No person shall wilfully and persistently loiter at or near the entrance of any church, chapel or other place of public worship to the annoyance or obstruction of any persons going to, attending at, or returning from divine service in such church, chapel or other place of public worship.
7. Preservation of road margins etc. -
  - (1) No person shall without lawful authority drive or place a vehicle, or cause a vehicle to be driven or placed, upon any road margin to which this byelaw applies.
  - (2) This byelaw applies to any road margin which is:-
    - i) In or beside a public road other than a trunk road vested in the Secretary of State;
    - ii) Laid or sown with grass or planted with trees, shrubs or plants, and maintained constantly in good order for ornamental purposes; and

- iii) Indicated to be a margin to which this byelaw applies by means of notices conspicuously displayed on or near the said margin by the Council.

8. Mud, etc., falling from vehicles to the highway -

- (1) When, to the knowledge of a person in charge of a vehicle any mud, clay, lime or similar material has fallen on a highway from the vehicle, such person shall, if such fallen material is likely to cause obstruction or danger to persons using the highway or injury to the surface of the highway remove or cause to be removed all such fallen material from the highway as completely and as soon as is reasonably practicable.
- (2) The person in charge of a vehicle shall not bring the vehicle or permit it to be brought upon a highway unless there has been removed from the wheels thereof as completely as is reasonably practicable all mud, clay, lime and similar material which is likely, if not so removed, to cause obstruction or danger to persons using the highway or injury to the surface of the highway.

- (3) In this byelaw -

”person in charge of a vehicle” means the person who whether as owner or otherwise has the charge or control of a vehicle or being present is entitled to give orders to the person having charge or control; “vehicle” includes any trailer and any agricultural implement or machine; wheels” includes axles, runners and tracks.

9. Vehicles loaded with Wet Sand, Gravel or other Similar Substances.

- (1) No person shall, so as to injure or be likely to injure a highway or to create or be likely to create a danger or nuisance to persons or traffic using a highway, do any of the following things that is to say:-
  - (a) Use or cause or permit to be used on a highway a vehicle loaded with wet sand, gravel or other similar substance if, by any reason of the wetness of the load and the condition of the vehicle, water drops or leaks from the vehicle. Provided that a person shall not be convicted of an offence against this sub-paragraph if he proves to the satisfaction of the court that before the vehicle was driven on to a highway all such steps had been taken as were reasonably practicable to prevent water from falling from the vehicle while on a highway.
  - (b) Use or cause or permit a vehicle to be used on any vehicle for the carriage of sand, gravel or other loose substance unless the condition of the vehicle is such that no part of the sand, gravel or other loose substance so carried will fall to the ground while the vehicle is on a highway.
  - (c) Load a vehicle or cause or permit a vehicle to be loaded with sand, gravel or other loose substance for carriage on a highway except in such a manner as will prevent the fall of the sand, gravel or other loose substance so carried to the ground while the vehicle is on a highway and no person shall drive or permit to be driven upon any highway any such vehicle unless the same is loaded in accordance with this byelaw.

(d) In this byelaw the expression “vehicle” includes any agricultural implement or machine.

10. Dogs Fouling Footways -

**This section is superseded by the 1981 Byelaws**

11. Carrying Soot, etc. – No person shall in any street or public place, to the inconvenience or danger of passengers, carry or convey along any footpath any bag of soot, lime or other offensive substance, or any pointed or edged tools or implements not properly protected.
12. Dangerous Games near Streets – No person shall on any land adjoining a street play any offensive or dangerous game in such a manner as to cause obstruction to the traffic or danger to any person in such street.
13. Spitting – No person shall spit on the floor, side or wall of any public carriage of any public hall, public waiting room or place of public entertainment, whether admission thereto be obtained upon payment or not.
14. Posting Placards without Permission – No person shall affix, or cause to be affixed, any placard upon any building, wall, fence, gate, door, pillar, tree or post in or abutting on any street or public place without the permission of the owner or occupier or person having the charge thereof, or unless authorised to do so by law.
15. Sale of Contraceptives in Slot Machines -
- (a) It shall be an offence to offer a contraceptive for sale by means of an automatic machine so placed that it can be used by persons who are in the street.
  - (b) In this byelaw the expression “ street” includes a way or place over which the public have a right of passage, and also the forecourt of or an entrance to a building, provided that such a forecourt or entrance is exposed to the view of persons passing along the street, and that the public have unrestricted access to such forecourt or entrance.
16. Penalty Clause – Any person offending against any of the foregoing byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £20.
17. Repeal Clause – All existing Byelaws for good rule and government and for the prevention and suppression of nuisances are insofar as they are in force in the Borough of Darlington, hereby repealed with the exception of the byelaws relating to the Control of Bulls.

GIVEN under the Common Seal of the Council of the Borough of Darlington this second day of June One thousand nine hundred and seventy seven.

The COMMON SEAL of the Council)  
Was hereto affixed in the presence    )  
Of:

C. SPENCE

MAYOR

H. ROGERS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State and shall come into operation on the date hereof.

Signed by authority of the  
Secretary of State

(R.F.D. SHUFFREY)  
An Assistant Under Secretary  
Of State

Home Office  
LONDON, SW1

23 August, 1977.