



# **Merseyside County Council**

## **Byelaws**

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in pursuance of Section 3 and Section 5  
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## 1. Interpretation

### (1) In these Bye-laws:-

"THE COUNCIL" means Merseyside County Council;

"THE AIRPORT" means the area of land, including the buildings and installations thereon, for the time being constituting the aerodrome known as Liverpool Airport;

"THE AIRPORT DIRECTOR" includes any other person for the time being in charge of the Airport;

"AUTHORISED OFFICER" means any person employed by the Council and authorised by the Council to exercise the powers and functions contained in these Bye-laws;

"AUTHORISED STANDING" means places appointed by the Council as waiting places for taxis and indicated by the sign "Taxis";

"CONSTABLE" includes a special constable;

"CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ACTS" shall have the same meaning as in the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979;

"SECURITY OFFICER" means an authorised officer on duty in the uniform of the Council's security staff employed at the Airport;

"TAXI" means any vehicle for the conveyance of passengers which plies for hire and is not a public service vehicle within the meaning of the Road Traffic Act 1960;

"VEHICLE" does not include an aircraft.

- (2) Nothing herein contained regulating vehicular traffic or restricting or regulating the parking of vehicles or their use for any purpose or in any manner shall apply on roads within the Airport to which the road traffic enactments apply.

## 2. Revocation of previous Bye-laws

The Bye-laws relating to Liverpool Airport made on the third day of May, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-two are hereby revoked.

## 3. Access to the Airport

- (i) No person shall enter or leave the airport, otherwise than through a gate or entrance for the time being provided for that purpose, unless the permission of the Airport Director has first been obtained.
- (ii) No person shall enter any part of the airport to which members of the public are not for the time being admitted unless the permission of the Airport Director has first been obtained.

## 4. Control of Aircraft

- (i) No person shall place an aircraft other than in a place and position designated for that purpose by the Airport Director or a person authorised by him in that behalf.
- (ii) No person shall fail properly to moor or otherwise secure any stationary aircraft.
- (iii) No person shall, without the permission of the Airport Director, run an aircraft engine or aircraft auxiliary power unit in a hangar.
- (iv) No person shall, without the permission of the Airport Director, clean, service or maintain aircraft, vehicles or equipment, or run aircraft engines or aircraft auxiliary power units in areas or at times other than those designated by the Airport Director.
- (v) No person shall, without the permission of the Airport Director, move, or cause to be moved, over the roads of the airport, any aircraft by means of its engines.

## 5. Control of Motor Vehicles

### (i) No person shall:-

- (a) drive a motor vehicle recklessly, or at a speed or in a manner which is dangerous to other persons having regard to all the circumstances of the case, including the nature, condition and use of the relevant part of the airport, and the amount of traffic which is actually at the time, or which might reasonably be expected to be, on that part of the airport, or
- (b) drive a motor vehicle without the due care and attention, or without reasonable consideration for other persons using the airport.

- (ii) No person whilst driving or propelling a vehicle on the airport shall neglect, fail or refuse to comply with an indication or direction given by either:-

- (a) a traffic sign, erected and displayed by the Council or given by:-
- (b) a constable; or
- (c) a security officer.

### (iii) No person shall:-

- (a) drive, park or leave a vehicle elsewhere than in a place provided for that purpose without the permission of the Airport Director;



(b) park or leave a vehicle in excess of the permitted time in an area where the period of waiting is restricted by notice displayed by the Council;

(c) being the person responsible for or in charge of a vehicle, fail to remove the vehicle from any parking place when required to do so by a constable or authorised officer;

(d) leave a vehicle on the airport for longer than is reasonably necessary for the transaction of the legitimate business for the purpose of which it was brought there.

(iv) No person shall without the permission of a constable or authorised officer, drive or leave on a road any vehicle failing to comply in any way with the lighting requirements which apply to roads to which the road traffic enactments do apply, and in particular covering obligatory front and rear lamps, reversing lights, reflectors, lamps indicating overhanging or projecting loads or additional lamps on long vehicles or trailers.

(v) No person shall without the permission of the Airport Director, take a vehicle into a hangar used for the maintenance of storage of aircraft.

(vi) If an accident occurs, the driver of any vehicle involved shall stop and shall report the circumstances of the accident to a constable or security officer as soon as reasonably practicable and, in any case before leaving the airport.

#### 6. Control of Taxis

(i) No taxi driver or operator may ply for hire on the airport without the express permission of the Council;

(ii) No person shall stand or park a taxi on the airport for the purpose of plying for hire, except on an authorised standing;

(iii) No person shall ply for hire with a taxi, or load passengers, except at an authorised standing;

(iv) The driver of the first taxi on the foremost standing, or any portion thereof, shall be with the taxi and available for hiring immediately;

(v) Drivers shall move up their taxis on authorised standings to fill vacancies as they occur and vacancies must not be filled in any other manner;

(vi) No disabled taxi shall be left by its driver on an authorised standing longer than is reasonably necessary to effect removal unless such disablement is temporary and is remedied without delay;

(vii) No taxi driver shall obstruct the carriageway, footpath or buildings or cause annoyance or disturbance to persons in the vicinity;

(viii) Any taxi driver who is not available for hire shall park his taxi in the area provided for public car parking and shall not obstruct the airport roads;

(ix) No person shall wash down or clean out a taxi on any part of the airport.

#### 7. Prevention of Fire

(i) No person shall smoke in or otherwise bring or light any naked flame into or in:-

(a) any place where any such act is prohibited by notice displayed by the Council, or

(b) any place within fifteen metres of any aircraft or a store of highly inflammable materials or explosives.

(ii) No person shall commit any act causing, or tending to cause, an outbreak of fire.

(iii) No person shall, without the permission of the Airport Director, light a fire elsewhere than in a place constructed for that purpose.

(iv) No person shall without the permission of the Airport Director fill or discharge from any container, including any part of a vehicle or aircraft liquid fuel elsewhere than in a place approved for that purpose by the Council.

(v) No person shall obstruct any of the emergency exits at the airport.

#### 8. Airport Equipment and Premises

(i) No person shall remove, displace, damage, deface or alter any building structure or other property, whether movable or immovable, (including any notice) forming part of or provided for or in connection with the airport, without the permission of the Council.

(ii) No person shall tamper with, interfere with, or misuse, or attempt to tamper with, interfere with, or misuse, any lift escalator, travelator, conveyor belt, power operated gangway, or any mechanical or electrical or electronic apparatus, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, and no person shall operate, or use in such a way as to prejudice the operation of any communications or navigation systems at the airport, any radio transmitter or other thing capable of radiating or generating electrical interference.

(iii) No person shall enter or get on or attempt to enter or get on any vehicle, truck, trolley or aircraft steps, or tamper with the brake or other part of its mechanism without lawful authority or reasonable excuse.

(iv) No person shall tamper or interfere with, or wilfully misuse or interfere with, or attempt to tamper or wilfully misuse any telephone or other apparatus provided for transmitting and receiving messages.

(v) No person shall write, draw or affix, any obscene, abusive or offensive work, representation or character upon or wilfully soil or defile any wall, structure, floor or pavement of any surface forming part of the airport.



- (vi) No person shall walk on or damage any flower bed or, without the permission of the Airport Director, remove, pick or otherwise damage any tree, shrub or plant.
- (vii) No person shall without the permission of the Airport Director, dig soil or cut or remove turf.

#### 9. Prevention of Nuisances

- (i) No person shall fail to comply with any notice displayed by the Council prohibiting or restricting access to any building, road or any part of the airport.
- (ii) No person shall loiter, frequent or remain on the airport or any part therein without reasonable cause.
- (iii) No person shall allow any vehicle, animal or thing to be on the airport after having been required by a constable or an authorised officer to remove it, or after its presence on the airport has been forbidden by a constable or an authorised officer.
- (iv) No person shall throw, leave or drop anything capable of causing injury to any person or property on any part of the airport.
- (v) No person shall drop, or otherwise deposit, anything in such circumstances as to cause, contribute to, or tend to lead to the defacement by litter of any part of the airport.
- (vi) No person shall fail to keep any animal under control, or permit a dog to foul the footpath or a building, and every dog shall be kept on a lead.
- (vii) No person shall, without the permission of the Council, graze animals within the airport.
- (viii) No person shall climb any wall, fence, barrier, railing or post within the airport without the permission of the Airport Director.
- (ix) No person shall obstruct or interfere with the proper use of the airport.
- (x) No person shall obstruct any person acting in the execution of their duty in relation to the operation of the airport.
- (xi) Without the permission of the Airport Director, no person shall, to the annoyance of any other person, sing, dance, shout, play a musical instrument or erect or use any apparatus for transmission, reception, recording, reproduction or amplification of sound, speech or images.
- (xii) No person shall enter or climb upon or attempt to enter or climb upon any part of any aircraft without the authority of the person in charge of it.

- (xiii) No person shall tamper obstruct or interfere with any aircraft or anything used in connection with any aircraft without lawful authority.
- (xiv) No person shall wilfully give a false fire, ambulance, bomb warning or other emergency alarm by any means.
- (xv) No person shall, without the permission of the Council, sell or distribute anything, offer anything for sale or hire or make any offer of service.
- (xvi) No person shall, without the permission of the Council, post, exhibit distribute or display signs, advertisements, circulars or other printed or written matter.
- (xvii) No person shall, without the permission of the Council, beg or solicit funds or contributions of any kind.
- (xviii) No person shall remain on the airport or any part thereof after having been requested by a constable or security officer to leave.
- (xix) No person shall enter the airport, except as a bona fide airline passenger, whilst having been prohibited from entering by the Airport Director.
- (xx) No person shall enter or remain upon or use the airport for the purpose of bookmaking or betting or wagering or agreeing to bet or wage or paying or receiving or settling bets with any other person.
- (xxi) No person shall behave in a disorderly, indecent or offensive manner.
- (xxii) No person shall be in a state of intoxication.
- (xxiii) No person shall use any language likely to cause offence or annoyance to any person.
- (xxiv) No person shall organise or take part in any public assembly, demonstration or procession likely to obstruct or interfere with the proper use of the airport, or cause public disorder or obstruct or interfere with the comfort and convenience or safety of passengers or persons using the airport.
- (xxv) No person shall display any flags, banners or emblems likely to cause a breach of the peace on any part of the airport.
- (xxvi) No person shall carry or discharge a firearm without the permission of the Airport Director.
- (xxvii) No person shall course, train or race any dog or other animal.

#### 10. Bye-laws relating to lost property

- (i) These byelaws shall apply in relation to the safe custody, re-delivery and disposal of any property, vehicle, animal or thing which while not in proper custody, is found on any part of the airport or in any vehicle at the airport excluding any property, vehicle, animal or thing found on premises in respect of which there is then a lease or tenancy granted by the Council.



- (ii) Subject to the provisions of the Customs and Excise Acts, any person (other than a member of staff of the airport or constable) who finds property to which these Bye-laws apply shall hand it immediately in the state in which he finds it to a member of staff of the airport or a constable and inform the member of staff of the airport or constable of the circumstances in which it was found.
- (iii) Subject to any provisions of the Customs and Excise Acts, any member of the airport staff or constable to whom property is handed or who himself finds any property to which these Bye-laws apply shall, as soon as possible and in any case within 24 hours, deliver such property for safe custody in the state in which it comes into his possession to the Airport Security Office and inform a member of staff of the airport at the Airport Security Office of the circumstances in which it was found. Provided that if before any lost property shall have been delivered for safe custody to the Airport Security Office under this Bye-law, it is claimed by a person who satisfies the member of staff of the airport or constable, as the case may be, that he is the owner, it shall be returned to that person, forthwith, without fee or reward, on his giving his name and address to the member of staff of the airport or constable who shall, as soon as possible, report the facts and give the claimant's name and address and a description of the lost property to the Airport Security Office.
- (iv) Any lost property delivered to the Airport Security Office shall be retained in safe custody by the Council until claimed by the owner thereof or disposed of in accordance with these Byelaws and the Council shall keep for a period of not less than 12 months a record showing particulars of the lost property (whether delivered to the Airport Security Office or disposed of pursuant to the provisions of Bye-law (iii) hereof), the circumstances in which it was found and the ultimate disposal of the lost property. Provided that -
- (a) official documents, including licences, passports and aliens identity books shall wherever practicable be returned forthwith to the appropriate Government Department, local authority or other body or person responsible for issuing them or for controlling or dealing with them;
  - (b) where the name and address of the owner of any lost property other than the documents referred to in the preceding proviso, are readily ascertainable the Council shall forthwith notify him that the lost property is in their possession and may be claimed in accordance with these Bye-laws.
- (v) If any lost property, while it is retained by the Council in safe custody, be claimed and the claimant proves to the satisfaction of the Council that it belongs to him and he gives his name and address to a member of staff of the Airport Security Office, it shall thereupon be delivered to the claimant at the Airport Security Office and upon payment of such charge as the Council may from time to time fix for the return of any lost property delivered to the Airport Security Office.
- (vi) (a) If any lost property retained by the Council for safe custody in accordance with these Bye-laws is not, within three months of the date when it was delivered to the Airport Security Office, re-delivered to a person pursuant to Bye-law (iv) hereof, the Council shall be entitled to sell it for the best price that can reasonably be obtained.
- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of these Regulations, if any lost property retained by the Council pursuant to these Regulations is of a perishable nature and if, within 48 hours from the time when it was found, it has not been re-delivered to a person pursuant to Bye-law (iv) hereof, the Council shall be entitled to sell it at the best price that can reasonably be obtained.
- (c) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of these Regulations any lost property which is or which becomes objectionable may forthwith be destroyed or otherwise disposed of in a reasonable manner.
- (d) A sale under this Byelaw shall not prejudice the right of any person whose rights have been divested by sale to be paid the proportion due to him of the residue of the proceeds of sale after deduction of any charge by the Council for the safe custody of the lost property and the Council's reasonable costs in connection with the sale.
- (vii) Where any lost property is contained in a package, bag or other receptacle the Council may cause such receptacle to be opened and the contents examined, or require the claimant to open it and submit it and its contents for examination, for the purpose either -
- (a) of identifying and tracing the owner of the lost property, or
  - (b) of ascertaining the nature of the contents.
11. General Provisions
- (i) Where a constable, security officer or authorised officer reasonably suspects that an offence against any of the foregoing Bye-laws has been committed by a person, that person shall, upon being requested to do so by the constable, security officer or authorised officer, correctly state his name and address, and the purpose of his being on the airport.

- (ii) No authorised officer, or security officer shall exercise any powers under any of these Bye-laws without producing written evidence of his authority, if required to do so.
- (iii) No provision of any of the Bye-laws shall apply to:-
- (a) any person in the service of the Crown;
  - (b) any member, officer or servant of the Civil Aviation Authority;
  - (c) any member of a visiting force within the meaning of any provisions of Part 1 of the Visiting Forces Act, 1952;
  - (d) any member of a Headquarters or Organisation designated for the purpose of the International Headquarters and Defence Organisation Act, 1964;
  - (e) any constable;
  - (f) any member of a fire brigade or ambulance service; and
  - (g) any officer of the Post Office as defined in Section 87(1) of the Post Office Act, 1953;

when on duty as such if the observation of that provision would be likely to hinder him in the execution of that duty.

#### 12. Penalty

Any person committing an offence against any of the foregoing Bye-laws shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding £100.00.

GIVEN under the Common Seal  
of the County Council of  
Merseyside  
on this sixteenth day of  
April 1982

(Signed)

C. K. WILSON

County Solicitor and Secretary

The Secretary of State, pursuant to Section 3(2) of the Civil Aviation Act 1968 and Section 236(7) of the Local Government Act 1972 and all other powers enabling him in that behalf;

- 1) hereby confirms the above written bye-laws;
- 2) hereby fixes the date on which the said bye-laws are to come into operation as 1st July, 1982.

I hereby certify that this printed copy of the Liverpool Airport byelaws is a true copy of the byelaws as confirmed by the Secretary of State.



COUNTY SOLICITOR AND SECRETARY

17th June, 1982.

Date 2nd June, 1982.

(Signed) T. G. HARRIS

An Assistant Secretary,  
Department of Trade.