

**LONDON BOROUGH OF HOUNSLOW COUNCIL  
BYELAWS**

**DRAFT BYELAWS RELATING TO MOORING**

Byelaws made under section 235 of the Local Government Act 1972 by the Council of the London Borough of Hounslow for the good rule and government of the London Borough of Hounslow and for the prevention and suppression of nuisances.

**Interpretation**

1. In these byelaws:

"the Council" means the London Borough of Hounslow;

"boat" means a vessel of every description and includes any yacht, motor boat, barge, or similar water craft with or without means of propulsion used or capable of being used as a means of transportation or habitation on, in, or by water, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing description includes any houseboat but not a model or toy boat.

"master" means any person being in command, charge, control, or management of the boat.

"moor" means the act of being physically attached to the land, physically touching the land, or tied to objects in the land, by way of ropes, gangplanks, stakes in the ground, or other similar methods.

"river frontage" means any land owned or managed by the Council abutting the tidal and non-tidal stretches of the River Thames and includes the banks, walls and embankments, tow path and adjoining land and, in relation to the tidal stretches, and includes the banks above the mean high water mark

**Application**

2. These byelaws apply to the river frontage owned or managed by the Council as delineated by red lines on the Mooring Byelaws Borough-wide Plan (No 1) and Mooring Byelaws Detailed Plans 2 to 5 attached to these byelaws and designated in the Schedule
3. The owner and, where different, the master of every boat shall be jointly and severally responsible for complying with these byelaws.

**Mooring**

4. (a) Except in cases of an emergency or other unavoidable cause, no person shall on any river frontages designated in the Schedule and delineated by red lines on the attached Plan No 1 (Borough-wide View of Mooring Areas) and Mooring Byelaws Detailed Plans 2 to 5 moor any boat or permit any boat to be moored for longer than a maximum period of 1 hour in any period of 24 consecutive hours (beginning with the time at which the boat first moored on the river frontage) without

the prior written consent of the Council.

- (b) If a boat continues to be moored after the expiry of 1 hour in breach of byelaw 4(a), further offences will be committed after the expiry of the first hour in every subsequent 24 hour period (such 24 hour periods to be calculated with reference to the time at which the boat first moored on the river frontage) until the boat ceases to be moored to the river frontage.
5. (a) In the case of an emergency or other unavoidable cause a boat may be moored for a maximum period of 24 consecutive hours (beginning with the time at which the boat first moored on the river frontage) on the river frontages designated in the Schedule and shown delineated by red lines on the attached Plan No 1 (Borough-wide View of Mooring Areas) and Mooring Byelaws Detailed Plans 2 to 5 for the purpose of remedying the emergency by making repairs or to arrange and wait for the removal of the boat from the river frontage.
- (b) If a boat continues to be moored after the expiry of 24 hours in breach of byelaw 5(a) without the prior written consent of the Council, further offences will be committed after the expiry of the first hour in every subsequent 24 hour period (such 24 hour periods to be calculated with reference to the time at which the boat first moored on the river frontage) until the boat ceases to be moored to the river frontage.
6. Where prior written consent to remain moored to the river frontage beyond the period permitted under the byelaws is granted by the Council, such consent shall be subject to any conditions that the Council may impose.
7. Every person to whom prior written consent is granted shall comply with any conditions imposed by the Council in such consent.

### **Transitional Provisions**

8. Where a boat is already moored on any river frontage designated in the Schedule and shown by red lines on the attached Plan No 1 (Borough-wide View of Mooring Areas) and Mooring Detailed Plans 2 to 5 on the date these byelaws come into operation, the time at which the boat is deemed to have first moored on the river frontage for the purposes of calculating the time periods set out in Byelaws 4(a), 4(b), 5(a), 5(b), will be 01.00 hours on the date these byelaws come into operation.

### **Penalty**

9. Any person offending against these bye laws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

### **Commencement**

10. These byelaws shall come into force the 2019

## **SCHEDULE**

- Plan No 1 - Borough Wide View of Mooring Areas
- Plan No 2 - Boston Manor River Brent Revised
- Plan No 3 - Kew Bridge Strand on the Green
- Plan No 4 – Watermans Park Brentford High Street
- Plan No 5 – Dukes Meadows

THE COMMON SEAL of  
THE MAYOR AND BURGESSES of the  
LONDON BOROUGH OF HOUNSLOW  
was hereunto affixed in the presence of:

Mayor

Head of Governance

