

Appendix 2



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# The Commons Open Spaces Events Policy PART TWO

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# Policy Statement

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**This local policy should be read with Part One of the City of London Open Spaces Events Policy which applies to all the City's Open Spaces located outside the City of London.**

This is the local policy and application form for requests to hold events for Ashtead Common, Burnham Beeches or West Wickham and Coulsdon Commons only.

Applications for filming, photography, regular activities and land hire for storage, skips etc. should be completed on the standard licence application form.

## Introduction

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'The Commons' comprises of Ashtead Common, Burnham Beeches & Stoke Common and West Wickham & Coulsdon Commons and provides 2000 acres of ancient woodland and mixed habitats and are vital green lungs to the city. The Commons are protected for 'the recreation and enjoyment of the public' and there are a huge range of opportunities for recreation on offer including a number of unique locations for events. With hundreds of thousands of annual visits however, the City has a crucial role in ensuring that visitors are safe, that conflict amongst users is minimised and that use of the sites managed by The Commons is sustainable to safeguard the future of these open spaces for everyone.

## Legislative background

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The Commons open spaces are protected by statute, the 1878 Corporation of London Open Spaces Act, and enabled the City of London to acquire land for the recreation and enjoyment of the public, to protect it from development and enclosure and maintain the natural aspect. Also, many of the Commons' open spaces are protected under additional legislation for their special wildlife value. This additional protection does influence the size and nature of events that can be held at these sensitive locations. Additionally, the City of London Corporation (Open Spaces) Act 2018 assists with the management of events on The Commons open spaces.

## **Event Locations**

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Throughout 'The Commons' events will be judged on their potential impact on the sensitive nature of the landscape but also the intensity of regular use of the area and proximity of housing. A number of areas are restricted completely due to their sensitive nature and others may be restricted seasonally.

Suggested event locations are provided on the attached Open Space descriptions. These are spaces we have determined have some capacity to hold events; however, they will each be subject to some restriction due to access issues, seasonal concerns, proximity of neighbours and overall impact on conservation.

## **Timing and Frequency**

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- Local conditions will apply – please see site appendices.

## **Local Authority Approvals**

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A temporary event notice and other licences or consents may be required. Applicants should make their own enquiries to the following authorities as applicable:

- South Bucks District Council
- Mole Valley District Council
- Croydon Council
- Tandridge Council

## **Local Officer Event Group**

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- The Head Ranger of the site will make recommendations to the Superintendent who holds delegated powers to approve events or to the Epping Forest and Commons Committee in appropriate circumstances.

## How we make decisions

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All applications will be reviewed as required by the Head Ranger and Superintendent. Applications may be:

- recommended immediately for the approval of the Superintendent.
- recommended for rejection on the basis that it does not meet the requirements of the Open Spaces Event Policy
- deferred subject to receipt of further information
- referred to a wider meeting of officers for review, particularly in the case of large events. In some cases, such as when events are very large the application will be referred to the Epping Forest and Commons Committee, which will add 2-4 months before a decision is agreed.

## Applications timescale

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Event applications must be received within the lead in time stipulated below. Should applications not be received within these lead in times event requests may be declined

Scale	Total anticipated attendance	Application to be received	Application Deadline
Minor	1 – 50	At least 3 weeks prior to event	None - rolling application process
Small	31 – 499	At least 8 weeks prior to event	None - rolling application process <b>Note</b> – See site descriptions for maximum numbers
Medium	500 – 5000	At least 3 months prior to event	None - rolling application process <b>Note</b> – See site descriptions for maximum numbers
Large	5001 plus	At least 6 months (at least 12 months if over 10,000) prior to event	1 September 1 December 1 March

# The Commons Events Application Form

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Name of event	
Proposed location (please describe, add plan or use grid reference to be as clear as possible)	
Event dates and times (excluding preparation/ dismantling days)	
Has the event been held previously? If yes provide details	

## Contact Details

Name of organisation	
Nature of organisation	Registered Charity
	Not for profit constituted organisation
	Individual
	Commercial company
Company or Charity Registration Number	
Name of main contact	
Address	
Invoice address (if different from above)	
Telephone number - landline	
Telephone number - mobile	
Email address	
Event public enquiries number	

## Event Details

Brief description of proposed event	
Admission price (s) (if applicable)	
Name of charity/fundraising project and full details of beneficiary of proceeds. Name all beneficiaries if more than one (For charity/fundraising event only)	
Will all income raised go to the charity/project named above? If no, please give details (proof may be required)	
Date and time to enter site for preparation	
Date and time the site will be vacated after the event (when all equipment has been removed)	
Maximum number of people expected to attend at peak time	
Overall expected attendance	
How is your event to be funded, particularly up-front costs?	

## Activities

<p><b>Description of Activity</b> Please include activities, stalls and other structures. It may be easier to attach a full programme of activities to this application.</p>
<p><b>Will there be any of the following activities? Several of these activities will require a licence or permit. Further charges may apply to some activities</b> If yes, please give further details. We will then advise you on further permissions needed – many of which will need to be obtained from the relevant local authority</p>



Site Setup	Barriers/fencing	Yes/No
	Portable staging	Yes/No
	Portable generator	Yes/No
	Stewarding and security	Yes/No
	On site communication e.g. radios	Yes/No
Marquees		Yes/No If yes, please give number and sizes
Domestic gazebos		Yes/No If yes, please give numbers
Live Music or Entertainment		Yes/No
PA System		Yes/No
Recorded music/sound		Yes/No
Dancing		Yes/No
Performance of Plays		Yes/No
Films		Yes/No
Fireworks / Pyrotechnics		Yes/No
Carnival / Procession		Yes/No
Fairground equipment		Yes/No
Bouncy Castle		Yes/No
Animals – Horses, Donkeys, Birds or other animals		Yes/No If yes, please give details
Alcohol		Yes/No
Catering for public consumption		Yes/No There are additional charges for Catering units that are not incorporated as part of an event package (e.g. running events) or are an excessive number for the event
Waste disposal		Please describe the method to be used to keep the area free of litter and refuse. All waste must be removed by the end of the event.
Do you require power?		Yes/No If yes, give details of how you intend to supply it / where you would like to source power from
Do you require water?		Yes/No If yes, give details of how you intend to supply it / where you would like to source it from and drainage points/methods
First Aid		What first aid cover will be provided and who will provide it?
Toilet Facilities		Do you wish to use public toilet facilities? Please state which
		How many temporary toilets will you bring onto the site?

	You are required to ensure that toilet facilities are adequate.
How will you actively encourage people to travel sustainably?	Please give details
Will you require vehicle access at the event?	Yes/No If yes, please detail the number and type of vehicles
Event Parking	Approximately how many vehicles will be attending the event?
	How do you propose these vehicles will be parked?
	How do you intend to manage the parking of these vehicles? Will you have signage and/or Parking Attendants?  Your site plan will need to show your proposed car parking area. Note; there may be a fee for car parking.
Will the event be accessible and open to all?	Yes/No Under the Equality Act (2010) you must not discriminate on the basis of race, colour, ethnic or national origins, religion and belief, gender, sexual orientation or marital status and disability or age.
Do you require on site advertising? If so, please state where and how provided.	Yes/No Please note that flyposting within the Forest and surrounding local authority areas is not permitted. Your deposit may be forfeited if we have to remove unpermitted posters or banners. There may be additional charges for signs.

**Note:**

If any of these details change once your application has been submitted, please inform us. No additional items may be included without the express consent of The City of London

**Licenses**

Your event may require a Premises Licence or Temporary Event Notice which is provided by the relevant local authority. We can advise which one it will be depending on your chosen site.

You are advised to allow a minimum of 10 weeks for a premises licence application and 4 weeks for a temporary event notice. Larger events may need to apply for a licence up to 6 months in advance. More information can be found here  
If you are using recorded or live music, you will also need to obtain the appropriate music licences. See <https://pplprs.co.uk/> for further details

## **Insurance**

Hirers of public open space are required to hold a current policy of insurance in respect of public liability or third-party risks. The relevant limit of indemnity must be no less than £5million and the City of London reserves the right to require a higher limit if deemed necessary.

Hirers will be required to produce a copy of a valid schedule or certificate of public liability insurance together with that of any exhibitor, band/dance group, sub-contractor, caterer etc. whom they have instructed or authorised to appear at the event (see <http://www.londoneventstoolkit.co.uk>) This information needs to be provided at least one month prior to the event if a medium large or major event. Failure to produce this evidence will result in withdrawal of consent to use the land.

Insurance company: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy no: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of indemnity: \_\_\_\_\_ (a minimum of £5 million cover is **required**)

Expiry date of current certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Event Planning**

You may be required to provide a range of plans and documents relating to your event such as Traffic Management Plans, Emergency Plan and Risk Assessments. More details about these can be found here <http://www.londoneventstoolkit.co.uk>

### Charges for the financial year 2020/2021

We will be able to calculate your event charge when we have received your event application form. The fees and charges shown below are typical of what you can expect to pay. Some charges will be subject to VAT.

#### Outdoor Events

Events are charged based on the size, number of people attending, and activities planned. Community / not for profit and charity fundraising events will receive a 50% reduction from the commercial event charges. Individual applicants will be treated as Commercial and subject to the same fees. 5% of ticket price is based on maximum numbers applied for.

<b>Commercial / Corporate Events</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>When Payable</b>
Application Fee	£57	On application
Deposit (to reserve location and date)	25% of basic hire fee	Invoiced when event has outline approval from The City of London subject to licence approvals. If required licences are not approved and the event does not proceed the deposit is forfeited.
Damage Deposit (refundable)	£575 or 20% of hire fee whichever is the lesser	Cleared funds to be received at least 3 weeks prior to the first day on site.
Basic Hire Fee - Minor event (less than 50)	£0- £575 dependent on event type and infrastructure (e.g. serving hot food, charging a fee, including more than one gazebo)	A damage deposit of £100 may be levied to ensure waste is disposed of in the case of events where a charge of less than £100 is made. Charged for catering must be separately licensed and an additional fee is payable unless part of an organised small/large event or otherwise agreed with CoL
Basic Hire Fee - Small event (50-499)	£750 plus 5% of ticket price	Cleared balance of funds to be received at least 3 weeks prior to the first day on site.

Basic Hire Fee - Medium event (500-4999)	£2240 plus 5% of ticket price	Cleared balance of funds to be received at least 1 month prior to the first day on site.
Basic Hire Fee - Large event (greater than 5000)	By negotiation	Cleared balance of funds to be received at least 2 months prior to the first day on site.
Non – event days (set up and dismantle)	15% of basic fee per day	Payable in conjunction with the basic hire fee.
Private events (wedding receptions/ party) max 150	£1150	Cleared balance of funds to be received at least 1 month prior to the first day on site.

<b>Charity / Not for Profit Events (see terms and conditions)</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>When Payable</b>
Application Fee	£28.00	On application
Deposit (to reserve location and date)	25% of basic hire fee	Invoiced when event has outline approval from The City of London subject to statutory licence approvals. If required licences are not approved and the event does not proceed the deposit is forfeited.
Damage Deposit (refundable)	£575 or 20% of hire fee whichever is the lesser	Cleared funds to be received at least 3 weeks prior to the first day on site.
Basic Hire Fee - Minor event (less than 50)	£0- £290 dependent on event type and infrastructure (e.g. serving hot food, charging a fee, including more than one gazebo)	A damage deposit of £100 may be levied to ensure waste is disposed of in the case of events where a charge of less than £100 is made. Charged for catering must be separately licensed and an additional fee is payable unless part of an organised small/large event or otherwise agreed with CoL
Basic Hire Fee - Small event (50-499)	£375 plus 5% of ticket price	Cleared balance of funds to be received at least 3 weeks prior to the first day on site.
Basic Hire Fee - Medium event (500-4999)	£1120 plus 5% of ticket price	Cleared balance of funds to be received at least 1 month prior to the first day on site.
Basic Hire Fee - Large event (greater than 5000)	By negotiation	Cleared balance of funds to be received at least 2 months prior to the first day on site.

**Events requiring the use of specific facilities must pay these in addition to the above charges:**

Exclusive Hire of car park	Large Medium  Small Compounds/ Storage	Prices on application but as a guide £114-£287 per bay per day or £3.95- £23 per vehicle where only part bays are required. Costs dependent on type of use/length of use/time of use and day of use,  £0.65 per square meter per day. Minimum overall charge of £82
Water	Use of building water supply or stand pipe (limited locations)	£57 per day or metred charge
Electricity	Use of The City of London supplies (limited locations)	£57 or metered charge
Specialist ground preparation (in addition to usual cutting regime e.g. ground marking)		On application
Staffing. City of London will provide staff to the first 2 meetings free of charge. Further attendance at meetings and on-site attendance may be charged, particularly if out of normal working hours.	Ranger Senior Ranger Head Ranger/Manager	From £31 per hour From £39 per hour From £50 per hour  Plus VAT at 20%

**Damage Deposit and Reinstatement Fees**

We will inspect the site before you arrive and again after your departure. If reinstatement costs are greater than the damage deposit paid, we will invoice you for the remaining balance.

# Terms and Conditions of Hire

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1. Hirers must not:
  - Fix items to trees, railings, fences or any other structures, including any form of advertising
  - Drive stakes into the ground
  - Cook or sell food or sell alcohol without separate licensing agreement or without obtaining an alcohol licence
  - Leave items or equipment unattended
  - Hand out literature at an event, unless special permission has been given
  - Solicit donations i.e. bucket collections or similar
  - Release balloons or sky lanterns
  - Stage pyrotechnic displays (unless by separate agreement)
  - Erect temporary structures (other than small gazebos) including bouncy castles, unless by specific agreement in specified locations
  - Climb, or allow others to climb on, statues, monuments or infrastructure
  - Move benches, fixtures and fittings
  - Advertising is not permitted on railings or within the open spaces unless specifically permitted and with a separate charge
2. Applications for events will only be considered if submitted within the time frames and scope outlined
3. Applications will only be approved once adequate health, safety and emergency planning information has been agreed. No licensable event may proceed without the appropriate licence(s) from the local authority.
4. Events should not be advertised until final signed agreement for the event has been received from the City of London.
5. The Hirer hires the area indicated on the Hirer's site plan and agreed by The City of London. The Hirer does not hire the whole site for the Hirer's exclusive use, unless requested and agreed by The City of London
6. The Hirer's attention is drawn to the requirements of the *Health & Safety at Work Act 1974* and other health & safety legislation including *the Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations 1999*, *Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 1999* and *Electricity at Work Regulations 1989*. It is the responsibility of the Hirer to comply with all relevant legislation. <http://www.hse.gov.uk/event-safety>
7. The Hirer shall indemnify and keep indemnified The City of London from and against all actions, claims, suits, costs, expenses, losses, injuries, damage and liability howsoever arising out of or by reason or in consequence of the agreement hereby granted (other than action, claims, suits, costs, expenses, losses, injuries, damage and liability resulting from any negligent act of The City of London, its servants or agents). The Hirer shall effect a third-party policy of insurance to a minimum of £5,000,000 per event and in such terms as may be approved by The City of London



8. The Hirer will be required to produce written documentary evidence of the existence of public liability insurance at such a level as required by The City of London in respect of any exhibitor, ground entertainer, sub-contractor, caterer which the Hirer has authorized to appear at the event.
9. The Hirer is responsible for the reinstatement of the site allocated, including the clearance of litter, the separation and collection of recyclable materials and the removal of all advertising. The clearance must be undertaken within 24 hours after completion of the event and reinstatement of land within 48 hours after completion of the event. If the Hirer fails to perform these obligations, The City of London reserves the right to perform any such obligations and any costs incurred shall be borne by the Hirer. Specialist grounds works including re-seeding will be undertaken by The City of London and will also incur an additional cost to be borne by the Hirer.

#### 10. CANCELLING AN EVENT

The City reserves the right to cancel forthwith the holding of any of The Commons in the event of an emergency or on the advice from the police authority or any other appropriate authority or because of forecast poor and extreme weather or unsuitable ground conditions.

In the event of any event being cancelled under the provisions of this clause, the City shall not be held liable to the hirer for any fees costs or damages, loss nor any consequential loss sustained as a result of or in any way arising out of the cancellation of the function but shall repay to the hirer without interest all sums paid by the hirer on account of the hirer charge (with the exception of the administration fee which is non-refundable). It is therefore highly advised to take out separate event insurance.

The City of London Corporation reserves the right to require the hirer to alter the date of use if it should become necessary for any reason, provided reasonable notice is given of such alteration (except in the case of an emergency when the clause above will apply). In the event the hirer is unable to alter the date, the City of London will repay all monies paid by the hirer to the City within 10 working days but will accept no liability for any other fees, costs or damages or any consequential loss what so ever.

In the case of the hirer cancelling the event once agreed and deposit paid, for any reason and including failure to secure the appropriate licences, refunds will be given on the sliding scale shown below. In all circumstances the administration fee will be retained, and a charge made for any expenses already incurred by The City of London Corporation on behalf of the event:

#### **Cancellation Period**

<b>Scale</b>	<b>Total anticipated attendance</b>	<b>Notice given for Cancellation</b>	<b>Refund</b>
Minor	1 – 50	Any period	Full refund *
Small	50 – 499	At least 4 weeks Less than 4 weeks	Full refund* Minus 25% of deposit

Medium	500 – 4999	At least 2 months Less than 2 months	Full refund* Minus 25% of deposit*
Large	5000 plus	At least 4 months Less than 4 months Less than 4 weeks	Full refund* Minus 50% of deposit* Minus 100% of deposit*

\*minus application fee and expenses

11. The property of the Hirer and Hirer's agents must be removed at the end of the period of hire. The City of London accepts no responsibility for any property left on the venue before, during or after hire period.
12. The Hirer must ensure that adequate parking arrangements are made for vehicles. Parking is restricted to areas set aside within the site plan and with the prior approval of The City of London. Any parking to highway areas is covered by traffic regulations and non-compliance may result in parking fines.
13. The Hirer is required to comply with the *Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 1992*, whereby unauthorized advertising, including "fly posting", is an offence and therefore strictly forbidden.
14. Food preparation on site is not permitted unless in a fully certified catering facility. Picnics, buffets etc. must be at no charge. Any food charged for must be through a certified catering facility.
15. The Hirer is responsible at all times for the organisation and smooth running of the event.
16. Temporary structures must be constructed of sound materials, be stable and be suitable for their purpose. The Hirer will be responsible at all times (day and night) for the security and supervision of these structures.
17. The Hirer must ensure that the byelaws are complied with at all times other than by agreement with The City of London
18. The City of London reserves the right to terminate the hiring if details are not submitted, if there is a breach of any of the foregoing conditions, or if the arrangements are deemed unsatisfactory.

#### Declaration

Please tick to confirm that you have plans & procedures in place to deal with the following (where necessary):

Event communications		Transport (including parking)	
Security & stewarding		Toilet & drinking water provisions	
Crowd management		Food safety	
Emergencies		Waste management & recycling	
Fire		Environmental impact	
First aid		Disability compliance	
Lost children & vulnerable adults		Equal opportunities	

More information can be found <http://www.londoneventstoolkit.co.uk> Copies of these must be supplied at least four weeks prior to the event.

Please confirm that the following documents are either attached to your application or will be provided at least four weeks prior to the start of your event. Failure to comply may result in the City of London refusing to grant permission for your event.

	<b>Attached</b>	<b>To Follow</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Risk assessment / emergency plan			
Copy of your Public liability Insurance			
A site plan / route map			
A programme			
Catering certificates and licences			
Noise management plan			
Copy of Charitable or not for profit constitution and evidence of organisation bank account with minimum of 2 signatories (if applying for charity discounted rate)			

By returning this form, I confirm that I have read and accepted the Terms & Conditions of Hire. I apply for permission to hold the event as described in this application form. I confirm that the information provided is correct and will inform The City of London if the details change.

Signed (not essential on emailed documents)	
Print name	
On behalf of (organisation)	
Date	

Please email or return this form together with your supporting documentation to:

City of London Corporation  
Merlewood Estate Office or Burnham Beeches Estate Office)  
[city.common@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:city.common@cityoflondon.gov.uk)

## OPEN SPACE DESCRIPTION

- **Availability** - all year with seasonal restrictions.
- **Description of open space** -Large wooded common with SSSI and National Nature Reserve designations
- **Total area** – 200ha
- Total area available for event – 200ha
- **Available facilities** – some surfaced and unsurfaced paths and rides.
- **Accessibility** – some easy access paths

## ADDITIONAL CONTROLS

- **Licence required for all events**
- Consent may be required from natural England for some activities due to the Sites of Special Scientific interest (SSSi) and National Nature Reserve (NNR) designation
- **Maximum event size** - Events limited to 250 participants on site at any one time.
- **Parking** – none available
- **Number of events per year** - No limit to the number of events a year, but organisers of events with over 50 participants (running events etc.) are encouraged to schedule the activity between the months of August to October.
- **Consideration of stakeholders-**  
 Local residents  
 Highways  
 Local Authority  
 Parish Council  
 Emergency Services
- **Entertainment/alcohol licences** – consult Local Authority.
- **Security** – all parts of the site are publicly accessible and exclusive access to any one area cannot be granted
- **Byelaws** – available from the Ashtead Estate Office.
- **Insurances** – required for all activities

- **Waste management** – no facilities are provided and is the responsibility of the hirer
- **Natural England prescriptions** – site is a SSSI, NNR and specific site/area restrictions will apply for some events.
- **Due diligence of event organiser** – depending on event size

<p><b>Burnham Beeches</b>  <b>Lord Mayor's Drive car parks</b>  <b>Sir Henry Peeks over flow car park</b>  <b>The Dell car park</b>  <b>The Stag car park</b>  <b>Some natural surface areas may be available with the permission of the Head Ranger</b></p>	<p><b>Hawthorn Lane</b>  <b>Farnham Common</b>  <b>Slough</b>  <b>SL2 3TE</b></p>
<p>OPEN SPACE DESCRIPTION</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Availability</b> – all year with seasonal restrictions</li> <li>• No large events possible</li> <li>• Weekend/Bank holiday restrictions - no medium events on Sundays or Bank Holiday Mondays unless jointly arranged with the City of London Corporation, between 1 April and 30 November</li> <li>• <b>Description of open space</b> – hard standing. Large wooded common with SSSI and National Nature Reserve and SAC designations</li> <li>• <b>Total area</b> – 220Ha</li> <li>• Total area available for event – depends on the event area and site restriction applying – up to 220 ha available for some and much less for others. Area restrictions apply at all times (see maps) and key locations for event to be based are around the Lord Mayor's Drive car park complex. Cyclists &amp; horse riders allowed on tarmac roads only.</li> <li>• <b>Available facilities</b> – café, disabled and unisex lavatories, car free roads, surfaced easy access path</li> <li>• <b>Accessibility</b> -        Lord Mayor's drive car parks        Sir Henry Peeks Overflow Car Park – Sir Henry Peeks Drive        The Dell Car Park – Hawthorn Lane        The Stag Car Park – Hawthorn Lane        Easy access paths and car free zone</li> </ul>	
<p>ADDITIONAL CONTROLS</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Licence required for all events</b></li> <li>• Consent may be required from natural England for some activities due to the Sites of Special Scientific interest (SSSi) and Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) designation</li> <li>• <b>Maximum event size</b> – up to 750 depending on open space and event – Maximum of 250 if car parking also required, maximum can be increase for events simply passing through on private roads but assessed on a case by case basis.</li> </ul>	

- **Parking/charges** - A daily parking charge of £3 per motor vehicle and £18 per coach applies on weekends and bank holidays with donations at all other times. Disabled visitors correctly displaying a valid blue badge are exempt.
  
- **Number of events per year –**
  - Minor – no restrictions
  - Small– 10 per year
  - Medium – 5 per year
  - Large - 0/year
  
- **Consideration of stakeholders –**
  - Local residents
  - Highways
  - Local Authority
  - Parish Council
  - Emergency Services
  
- **Entertainment/alcohol licences** – consult local authority events at BB requiring such licences will not normally be allowed
  
- **Security** – all parts of the site are publicly accessible and exclusive access to any one area cannot be granted
  
- **Byelaws** – available from the Burnham Beeches estate office. Additional restrictions on use of BBQs, cycling areas and on dog access apply.
  
- **Insurances** – required for all activities
  
- **Waste management** – no facilities are provided and is the responsibility of the hirer
  
- **Natural England prescriptions** – site is a SSSI, NNR and SAC specific site/area restrictions will apply for some events.
  
- **Due diligence of event organiser** – depending on event size

**The West Wickham Commons:**

Spring Park  
West Wickham Common

**Merlewood Estate Office**

**Ninehams Road  
Caterham  
CR3 5LN**

## OPEN SPACE DESCRIPTION

- **Availability** - all year
- **Description of open spaces** - Two open spaces situated on the North Downs in the London Borough of Bromley. The sites are both deciduous woodland, managed for their wildlife and nature conservation interest. Both sites have a good network of footpaths and woodland rides.
- **Total area** – 30 ha
  - **West Wickham Common:** 10ha. Car parking for 5 vehicles
  - **Spring Park:** 20ha. Car parking for 23 vehicles
- Total area available for event 30ha
- **Available facilities**- some surfaced paths and rides. No other facilities
- **Accessibility** - some easy access paths

## ADDITIONAL CONTROLS

- **Licence required for all events**
- **Maximum event size** - 100 people
- **Parking** - Limited Parking available
- **Number of events per year** - No limit on number of events but events will need to satisfy the requirements of Environmental Stewardship Schemes which have seasonal conditions
- **Consideration of stakeholders** –
  - Local residents
  - Highways
  - Local authority
  - Parish Council
  - Emergency services
- **Entertainment / Alcohol licenses** – consult Local Authority
- **Security** – all parts of the site are publicly accessible and exclusive access to any one area cannot be granted
- **Byelaws** – available from the Merlewood Estate Office



- **Insurances** – required for all activities
- **Waste management** - no facilities are provided and is the responsibility of the hirer
- **Due diligence of event organiser** – depending on event size

**The Coulsdon Commons -  
Coulsdon Common  
Kenley Common  
Riddlesdown  
Farthing Downs & New Hill**

**Merlewood Estate Office  
Ninehams Road  
Caterham  
CR3 5LN**

#### OPEN SPACE DESCRIPTION

- **Availability** - all year
- **Description of open spaces** - Four open spaces clustered on the North Downs south of Croydon. The sites are a mixture of open grassland and deciduous woodland offering excellent opportunities for walking and recreation. Sites are covered by designations such as SSSI, Scheduled Ancient Monument and SNCI
- **Total area** – 245ha
  - **Coulsdon Common:** 51ha, parking for 12 cars
  - **Kenley Common:** 56 ha. No onsite parking
  - **Farthing Downs & New Hill:** 95ha. Total parking 90 cars split between a tarmacked car park (40 Cars) which is open all year round and a summer car park (50 cars) opened by arrangement. Car parks are gate controlled and opening times vary according to season
  - **Riddlesdown:** 43ha. Car parking for 34 cars. Car parks are gate controlled and opening times vary according to season.
- Total area available for event 245ha
- **Available facilities** - Toilets available in the car park on Farthing Downs
- **Accessibility** - some easy access paths

#### ADDITIONAL CONTROLS

- **Licence required for all events**
- Consent may be required from Natural England for some activities due to the Sites of Special Scientific interest (SSSi)
- **Maximum event size** - 250 people but may be more on some sites and in exceptional circumstances
- **Parking** – available only available on some sites
- **Number of events per year** - No limit on number of events but events will need to satisfy the requirements of the SSSI, SAM and Environmental Stewardship Schemes
- **Consideration of stakeholders** –  
Local residents

Highways  
Local Authority  
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Emergency services

- **Entertainment / Alcohol licenses** – consult Local Authority
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- **Byelaws** – available from the Merlewood Estate Office.
- **Insurances** – required for all activities
- **Waste management** – no facilities are provided and is the responsibility of the hirer.
- **Natural England prescriptions** – some sites are SSSI and specific site/area restrictions will apply for some events.
- **Due diligence of event organiser** – depending on event size