BYELAWS

made under Section 87 of the
Public Health Act 1936

by the

DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

for preventing the occurrence of
nuisances from snow, filth,
dust, ashes and rubbish,

and for preventing the keeping of animals
so as to be prejudicial to health

in the

Borough of Dartford
BYELAWS as to certain nuisances made by the Council of the BOROUGH OF DARTFORD under Section 81 of the Public Health Act 1936.

For preventing the occurrence of nuisances from snow, filth, dust, ashes and rubbish

1. In these byelaws, unless the context otherwise requires:
   "Inhabited or public place" means:
   (a) any street,
   (b) any premises used for human habitation,
   (c) any school or place of worship,
   (d) any place frequented by the public, and
   (e) any place in which any person is employed in any manufacture, trade or business; and
   "offensive load or cargo" means any load, cargo, or other accumulation of filth or rubbish which emits an offensive smell.

2. A person who removes snow from any premises or from the footway of any street shall not:
   (a) deposit any snow in the footway for longer than is reasonably necessary;
   (b) create any undue accumulation of snow in the carriageway so as to block any surface water drains or gutters.

3. No person shall, in removing any filth, dust, ashes or rubbish from any premises, deposit any such matter in any street.

4. (1) Any person who conveys any filth, dust, ashes or rubbish through any street shall adopt all reasonable precautions to prevent any such matter from falling thereon; and if any should, notwithstanding the precautions, fall, he shall immediately clear the place affected.

   (2) (a) Any person who proposes to convey any offensive load or cargo through any street shall first cause that load or cargo to be enclosed or covered so as to prevent, as far as is practicable, the emission of any offensive smell.

   (b) Any person who conveys through any street any load or cargo from which dust, ashes or rubbish may be blown, shall cause such load or cargo to be covered or shall take such other reasonable precautions to prevent, so far as is practicable, dust, ashes or rubbish being blown therefrom.

5. When any offensive load or cargo is unloaded or deposited, pending removal:
   (a) within one hundred yards of any inhabited or public place, or
   (b) at a point where it is likely to give offence to any person in any such place,
   then the person who unloads or deposits it, or causes it to be unloaded or deposited, shall ensure that it is forthwith covered with a layer of earth or ashes or other suitable covering material so as to prevent, as far as is practicable, the emission of offensive smell.

6. No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited within one hundred yards of any inhabited or public place any filth removed from a cesspool or privy or like receptacle for filth used in
connection therewith unless, as soon as possible, it is ploughed or dug into the ground or covered with a layer of earth or ashes or other suitable covering material so as to prevent, as far as is practicable, the emission of offensive smells.

For preventing the keeping of animals so as to be prejudicial to health

7. No person shall keep any swine within one hundred feet of a dwelling-house, unless the place in which the swine are kept is in as clean a condition as is reasonably practicable.

8. No person shall keep any swine or deposit any swine dung, or any place within fifty feet of a dwelling-house:

Provided that this bylaw shall not apply:

(i) where the place on which the swine are kept, or the dung is deposited, is not within the same curtilage as the dwelling-house, and such place was being lawfully used for that purpose at the time when the dwelling-house was erected and has been continuously so used since that time.

(ii) for a period of twelve months from the date hereof where:

(a) the dwelling-house was erected before the swine were so kept, or the dung was so deposited, and

(b) such place was being lawfully used for such purpose at the date hereof and continues to be so used during those twelve months.

9. Any person who keeps a horse, ass, mule or donkey or any cattle or swine in a building or structure which is within fifty feet of any dwelling-house other than that which he occupies himself shall provide in connection with that building or structure:

(a) a drain which effectively conveys all urine and liquid filth and refuse from the building or structure into a sewer or cesspool; and

(b) a suitable receptacle for solid filth which complies with the following requirements:

(i) its bottom or floor shall be above the surface of the adjacent ground;

(ii) it shall be so constructed and maintained that the contents cannot escape or soak away;

(iii) it shall be equipped with an effective cover, which shall be kept in position except when filth is being placed in or removed from it;

(iv) its contents shall be removed at least once a week.

Penalties

10. Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds and in the case of a continuing offence to a further fine not exceeding five pounds for each day during which the offence continues after conviction therefor.

Repeal of Byelaws

11. The following byelaws relating to (a) for preventing the occurrence of nuisances from snow, filth, dust, ashes and rubbish; (b) for preventing the keeping of animals so as to be prejudicial to health are, only in so far as they are in force in the Borough of Dartford, hereby repealed:
The Common Seal of the Dartford Borough Council was hereunto duly affixed this 23rd January 1979.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Environment and shall come into operation on 1st July, 1979.

J. G. THOMPSON

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State in the Department of the Environment.

18th May, 1979