

## **HAZLEMERE PARISH COUNCIL'S PUBLIC LAND POLICY**

Adopted by Full Council on 2 May 2017

This document is in support and confirms Hazlemere Parish Council's long standing and ongoing policy that Hazlemere Parish publically owned land and rights of way on this land will not be sold, leased, rented or gifted to members of the public, individuals or organisational bodies.

Exception: Only stated Hazlemere recreational grounds may be hired from the Parish Council.

Any lands that belong to the Council or associated rights of way that are encroached upon without written authorisation from the Parish Council, the Council reserve the right to take the necessary action to retrieve it.

This policy will be reviewed annually following the Annual Council Meeting.

### **Objective**

The objective of this policy is to protect the public land and rights of way in Hazlemere that have been entrusted to the Hazlemere Parish Council for use by all its residents and other non-Parish individuals.

### **Council Vision**

Hazlemere Parish Council views all green spaces under their care as part of the fabric that makes Hazlemere a great place to live and bring up families.

The Parish Council will not set precedents by allowing parcels of land to be encroached upon; however small as it is important to protect the land for future generations to enjoy.

### **Application**

This policy applies to all areas of land and rights of way within the boundaries of Hazlemere under the control and owned by the Hazlemere Parish Council on-behalf of its residents.

This policy applies regardless of the circumstance or situation in Hazlemere.

### **Breaches**

Where this policy has been breached by encroaching on any public land or right of way by any member of the public, individual or organisation body, the Parish Council reserves the right to take the necessary action to remedy the breach returning the land or right of way to its original form.

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