

# Thanet District Council

## **Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014**

Public Spaces Protection Orders (Thanet District Council)  
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## Thanet District Council (in this order called “the Authority”) hereby makes the following Order;

Under section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, the authority is satisfied that the activities set out in is being carried out within the area to which this order applies, it is likely that these activities will continue to be carried out and that this is having or it is likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality by causing harassment, alarm and distress.

This order relates to the whole Isle of Thanet. This order relates to the land inside the area marked on the attached maps (Schedule 1) which is outlined in blue (‘the Restricted Area’). This includes all spaces within this boundary that are accessible to the public.

This Order comes into force on 31st July 2024 for a period of 3 years.

### 1. Offences

The activities which are prohibited by this order within the designated areas:

#### I. Anti-Social group congregation

All persons are prohibited from congregating as part of a group of 2 or more for such duration as specified when directed not to do so by an authorised officer; on the basis that the behaviour is causing or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to others in the locality.

## **II. Misuse of public space**

All persons are prohibited from misusing any public space, facility or installation; when directed not to do so by an authorised officer and that the behaviour is causing or is likely to cause harassment alarm or distress to others in the locality. Officers will have particular regard to the rights of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly set out in articles 10 and 11 of the convention.

## **III. Using foul or abusive language**

All persons are prohibited from using foul or abusive language in such a manner that it is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to any other person in any public place.

## **IV. Excreting bodily fluids**

All persons are prohibited from excreting bodily fluid, including but not limited to urinating, defecating or spitting in any public place that is not a specified toilet facility.

## **V. Alcohol**

All persons are prohibited from consuming alcohol where it is having or is likely to have a detrimental effect on the wider community and must dispose of any vessel believed to contain alcohol, when asked to do so by an authorised person. This provision does not apply to alcohol being consumed within premises (including designated outdoor areas) that have obtained a licence under the Licensing Act 2003 or section 115E of the Highways Act 1980.

## **VI. Use of Legal Psychoactive Substances & intoxicants**

All persons are prohibited from the consumption of legal Psychoactive Substances where it is likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those within the community, leading to anti-social behaviour, likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to any other person in any public place.

## **VII. Inappropriate harmful and degrading related activity**

All persons are prohibited from being abusive to any person or behaving in a way which causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to any other person. This includes but is not limited to, approaching women in the area, asking if they are for hire or making sexually inappropriate comments.

## **2. Offences under this Public Space Protection Order**

Any person who, without reasonable excuse fails to comply with the terms of this Order is guilty of an offence under Section 67 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine.

An authorised person may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice to anyone they have

reason to believe has committed an offence under this Order in accordance with Section 68 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

The penalty is set at £100.00 to be paid within 28 days but is reduced to £60.00 if paid within 14 days.

Length of Order: this Order shall have effect for a period of 3 years.

## Designated Area

This order applies to the Thanet District which is described in schedule 1 ("The Restricted Area), i.e. all public spaces within the Thanet District, as set out on the Order Plan and which is shown edged in Grey on the attached plan ("the Order plan").

Length of Order: this Order shall have effect for a period of 3 years until 30th July 2027.

## Schedule 1

