

# A Public Space Protection Order is now in force in your area

The following prohibitions will be enforced within the public spaces shown on the map overleaf:

## Dispersal:

- A person is prohibited from congregating in a group of three or more people within the Restricted Area after an Authorised Person has requested that the group disperse.
- An Authorised Person may request that a group within the Restricted Area disperse where he/she reasonably suspects any person in that group to be causing or likely to cause nuisance, annoyance, harassment, alarm or distress to any other person.

## Verbal Abuse:

- A person is prohibited from being verbally abusive to any other person within the Restricted Area.
- A person is prohibited from using foul and abusive language, or any other such language, which causes or is likely to cause any other person harassment, alarm or distress within the Restricted Area.

## Violence:

- A person is prohibited from using or threatening to use violence against any other person within the Restricted Area. This includes the use of all items that an Authorised Person reasonably considers may be used as a weapon to either incite fear or cause actual injury.

## Alcohol:

- A person is prohibited from having in his or her possession open cans, bottles or other unsealed containers of what an Authorised Person deems to be an alcoholic beverage (even if empty) in the Restricted Area.
- A person is required to surrender any such beverage in his or her possession when asked to by an Authorised Person in the Restricted Area.

## General Anti-Social Acts:

- A person is prohibited from playing loud music, including that from vehicles, so as to cause nuisance and annoyance to others within the Restricted Area.
- A person is prohibited from wearing clothing for the purposes of concealing their identity. This includes face coverings such as scarves, masks and balaclavas but does not include helmets for those riding motorbikes for legitimate purposes in the Restricted Area.
- A person is prohibited from playing football or any other ball games which an Authorised Person deems to be causing nuisance or annoyance to others in the Restricted Area.
- A person is prohibited from using a non-motorised pedal bike in a manner deemed by an Authorised Person to be anti-social and which is likely to cause nuisance and annoyance to others in the Restricted Area.
- A person is prohibited from setting off fireworks in a public place unless part of a licensed display in the Restricted Area.
- A person is prohibited from starting a fire in a public place in the Restricted Area.

The order will be in force for a period of **36 months** and will expire on **11th February 2021**.



 Public Space Protection Order Area

## Penalty on breach

It is an offence to engage in any activity that you are prohibited from doing by this Order. Depending on the behaviour in question, the enforcing officer could decide that a Suspected Offence Ticket is appropriate. These can be issued by an Authorised Police Officer or an Authorised Council Officer. Birmingham City Council may deem that a fixed penalty notice (FPN) of up to £100 would be the most appropriate sanction and issue this. Should a Fixed Penalty Notice not be issued, West Midlands Police and Birmingham City Council may consider that further interventions are necessary to address the alleged behaviour.

## Right to Appeal

In accordance of Section 66 of the Act, any interested person who wishes to challenge the

validity of this Order may appeal to the High Court within six weeks from the date upon which this Order is made.

## What you can do

Public Space Protection Orders are there to protect the community. If you see anyone breaking these conditions, inform the police on **101**.

If you have any information on crime or anti-social behaviour in your area, call the independent registered charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

For further details on this order please visit [birminghamcsp.org.uk/orders](http://birminghamcsp.org.uk/orders)

