



LONDON BOROUGH OF BEXLEY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER

Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014

THIS NOTICE IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BEXLEY HAS MADE A PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER IN THE TERMS SET OUT BELOW:

The Order has effect from 00.01hrs on 25th October 2021 for a period of thirty-six (36) months, up until 23.59hrs on 24th October 2024.

The London Borough of Bexley ("the Council") has made this borough-wide Order for the purposes of reducing anti-social behaviour in all public areas within the map attached to this Order. The Council is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the activities referred to in the Order below:

- (a) Have had or are likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality or, it is likely that the activities will be carried out within that area and have such effect; and
- (b) Are, or are likely to be of a persistent and continuing nature and these activities are unreasonable and justify the restrictions imposed by the notice

ORDER

Under the terms and restrictions in this Order, any persons within public spaces in the London Borough of Bexley are prohibited from the activities described below:

- From committing, or likely to commit, alcohol-related anti-social behaviour
- From being in possession of (without a lawful or reasonable excuse); consuming, inhaling, injecting, or smoking any substance capable of stimulating or depressing the central nervous system (e.g., nitrous oxide)
- From behaving in an anti-social manner within a public car park or any Park within the London Borough of Bexley
- From behaving in an anti-social manner in any other public space within London Borough of Bexley, whether on their own, or with any other person(s)

The land to which this Order applies is, unless further stipulated, covers all public areas within the London Borough of Bexley, which is outlined by the map forming part of this Order (“the restricted area”). This Order is therefore borough wide.

Offences

It is an offence for a person without reasonable excuse to engage in an activity that is prohibited by this Order in the restricted area. A person found to be in breach of this Order is liable on summary conviction to a maximum penalty of a level 3 fine or to a Fixed Penalty of up to £1000.

Challenging the validity of Orders

An interested person may apply to the High Court within six weeks of the date that this Order is made to question the validity of this Order or a future variation of this Order on the grounds that:

- (i) The Council did not have the power to make the order or variation, or to include particular prohibitions or requirements imposed by the Order (or by the Order as varied);
- (ii) A requirement under Chapter 2 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 was not complied with in relation to the Order or variation.

An “interested person” means an individual who lives in the restricted area or who regularly works in or visits that area.

Signed:



Designation: Qasim (kim) Durrani, Deputy Director Neighbourhoods

Dated: 21st October 2021