

## **Public Spaces Protection Order (alcohol) 2017 (extended 2023)**

**West Suffolk Council has pursuant to Section 60 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 extended the Public Space Protection Order (Alcohol) 2017 for Haverhill which came into force on 1 October 2017.**

The extended Public Space Protection Order comes into effect on 1 October 2023 at midnight and will expire on 30 September 2026 at 11.59pm

### **Preliminary**

1. The council, in extending the order is satisfied on reasonable grounds that:
  - the activities identified below have been carried out in public places within the council's area and have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality,
  - and that:
  - the effect, or likely effect of the activities:
    - is, or is likely to be of a persistent or continuing nature,
    - is, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable, and
    - justifies the restrictions imposed by the notice.
2. The council is satisfied that the prohibitions imposed by the order are reasonable to impose in order to prevent the detrimental effect of these activities from continuing, occurring or recurring, or to reduce that detrimental effect or to reduce the risk of its continuance, occurrence or recurrence.
3. The council has had particular regard to the rights and freedoms set out in Article 10 (right of freedom of expression) and Article 11 (right of freedom of assembly) of the European Convention on Human Rights and has concluded that the restrictions on such rights and freedoms imposed by this order are lawful, necessary and proportionate.

### **The activities and prohibition**

4. To prevent public nuisance, anti-social behaviour or disorder, no person shall, within the restricted area, refuse to stop drinking alcohol or hand over containers (sealed or unsealed) which are believed to contain alcohol when required to do so by an authorised officer.
5. A person shall not engage in the activities listed above anywhere within the restricted area as shown shaded on the attached map labelled 'The Restricted Area'.

## What happens if you fail to comply with this order?

6. Section 67 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 says that it is a criminal offence for a person without reasonable excuse:
  - a. to do anything that the person is prohibited from doing by a Public Spaces Protection Order, or
  - b. to fail to comply with a requirement to which the person is subject under a Public Spaces Protection Order.
7. A person guilty of an offence under Section 67 is liable on conviction in the magistrates' court to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

## Fixed penalty

8. A constable, police community support officer or council enforcement officer may issue a fixed penalty notice to anyone he or she believes has committed an offence under section 67 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act. You will have 14 days to pay the fixed penalty of £80. If you pay the fixed penalty within the 14 days, you will not be prosecuted.

## Appeals

9. Any challenge to this order must be made in the high court by an interested person within six weeks of it being made. An interested person is someone who lives in, regularly works in, or visits the restricted area. This means that only those who are directly affected by the restrictions have the power to challenge. The right to challenge also exists where an order is varied by the council.
10. Interested persons can challenge the validity of this order on two grounds: that the council did not have the power to make the order, or to include particular prohibitions or requirements; or that one of the requirements of the legislation, for instance consultation, has not been complied with.
11. When an application is made the high court can decide to suspend the operation of the order pending the court's decision, in part or in totality. The high court has the ability to uphold the order, quash it, or vary it.

Dated 28 September 2023

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West Suffolk Council  
was affixed in the presence of



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