

# **PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER**

## **Anti Social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014 2020/13 – Exclusion of Dogs from Southwold Beach**

Notice is hereby given that the **East Suffolk Council** in exercise of its powers under Section 59 of the Anti Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (“The Act”) makes the following Order:

**1. Duration:**

This Order shall come into force on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020 and shall have effect for a period of three years thereafter, expiring on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023 unless revoked, amended or extended by further orders.

**2. The Restricted Area:**

The Order applies to all of Southwold Beach from a point adjacent to the Northern-most extent of the promenade to a point adjacent to the Southern-most extent of the promenade (“the Restricted Area”), as shown hatched in red on the attached plan.

**3. Persons to whom this Order applies:**

The Order applies to all persons within the Restricted Area at all times of the day and night throughout the months of April, May, June, July, August and September each year (i.e. for the entire period beginning at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> March and ending at midnight on 30<sup>th</sup> September in the same year.)

**4. The Activity:**

The Council is satisfied that the conditions set out in Section 59 of the Act have been satisfied and that allowing dogs onto the beach in the Restricted Area (“the Activity”) has a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality. Further, the Council is satisfied that the effect of the Activity is or is likely to be of a persistent or continuing nature and is or is likely to be such as to make the Activity unreasonable and the effect justifies the restrictions imposed.

**5. Prohibitions:**

In pursuance of section 59 of the Act, the Council therefore prohibits the “Activity” within the “Restricted Area”

**6. Exemptions:**

This order shall not apply to any person who is for the time being in charge of an Assistance Dog upon which he relies for assistance

**7. Offences**

- i. Failure without reasonable excuse to comply with the prohibitions imposed by this Order, as set out at point 5 above is a criminal offence.
- ii. A person guilty of such an offence, under section 67 of the Act, is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- iii. Alternatively, at the Council’s discretion, a person believed to have committed an offence may be offered the opportunity to discharge liability for prosecution by paying a fixed penalty of £80.

Signed:

  
Head of Environmental Services and Port Health

Dated: 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020



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