

PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER

Anti Social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014 2021/01 – Exclusion of Dogs from Aldeburgh 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:

The Order shall come into force on 03rd January 2021 and shall have effect for a period of three years thereafter, expiring on 02nd January 2024 unless extended by further orders.

2. The Restricted Area:

The Order would apply to the area of beach northwards from an imaginary line running perpendicular to the sea wall adjacent to the Coastguard Lookout at Grid Reference TM46451 55915 to an imaginary line running perpendicular to Market Cross Place at its junction with Wentworth Street, at Grid Reference TM46587 57070 (and includes any slope or staircase leading to the beach from the promenade), as shown shaded pink 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.

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” for the period commencing 1st May and ending 30th September (inclusive) each year.

6. Exemptions:

This order shall not apply to any person who is for the time being in charge of an assistance dog trained to assist him with a disability as defined by section 6 of the Equality Act 2010.

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: 10th December 2020

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