

# PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER

## Anti Social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014 2021/03 – Dogs on Leads (General)

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 03<sup>rd</sup> January 2021 and shall have effect for a period of three years thereafter, expiring on 02<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 unless revoked, amended or extended by further orders.

**2. The Restricted Area:**

The Order applies to the areas described in the schedule on page 2 of this document (the “Restricted Areas”).

**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 in the Restricted Area whilst not on a lead and under close control (“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 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: 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### **Schedule**

1. Pedestrianised areas in urban areas as follows:
  - a) Queen Elizabeth II Place, Lowestoft
  - b) The Britten Centre and Market. Lowestoft
  - c) London Road North, Lowestoft
  - d) The High Street, Lowestoft
  - e) The Triangle Market Place, Lowestoft
  - f) The Great Eastern Linear Park, Lowestoft
  - g) Exchange Square, Beccles
  - h) The Thoroughfare, Halesworth
2. The Green at The Street adjacent to Blacksmith's Loke, Lound
3. All sports grounds, fields and pitches at the western part of Beccles Common adjacent to the North side of Common Lane, adjacent to the East side of the railway line and adjacent to the Northern and Southern sides of The Avenue for its entire length.
4. All cemeteries, churchyards and burial grounds

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