

PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER

Anti Social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014

2025/04 – Dogs in Children's Play Areas

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 18th June 2025 and shall have effect for a period of three years thereafter, expiring on 17th June 2028 unless revoked, amended or extended by further orders.

2. The Restricted Area:

The Order applies to all children's play areas in the East Suffolk District which are gated (or fitted with grids), and fenced to prevent access to dogs.

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 causing or allowing dogs to enter the Restricted Areas ("the Activity") has or is likely to have 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.

The common seal of East Suffolk Council was hereunto affixed in the presence of

Authorised signatory:

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Dated

5th June 2025

