



PROPOSED PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER

Anti Social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014

2017/11 – Exclusion of Dogs from Felixstowe Beach

1. Duration:

The proposed Order would have effect for a period of three years from the date of being made, unless revoked, varied or extended by further orders..

2. The Restricted Area:

The Order would apply to the area of beach northwards from the groyne at Grid Reference TM 29674 33642 (between Manwick Road and Arwela Road) to the groyne opposite the South-Eastern Corner of the Spa Pavilion at Grid Reference TM 30625 34445 and include any slope or staircase leading to the beach from the promenade, as shown on the attached plan.

3. Persons to whom this proposed Order will apply:

The proposed Order would apply to all persons within the Restricted Area at all times of the day and night.

4. The Activity:

The Council believes 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 proposed.

5. Prohibitions:

In pursuance of section 59 of the Act, the Council therefore proposes to prohibit the “Activity” within the “Restricted Area” for the period commencing 1st May and ending 30th September (inclusive) each year.

6. Exemptions:

This proposed order would not apply to any person who:

- a) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or
- b) is for the time being in charge of an Assistance Dog registered with Assistance Dogs UK and upon which he relies for assistance.
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7. Offences

- a) Failure without reasonable excuse to comply with the prohibitions imposed by this proposed Order, as set out at point 5 above would be a criminal offence.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.

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