PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER

Anti Social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014
2017/13 – Dogs in Children's Play Areas

Notice is hereby given that the **Suffolk Coastal District 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 3 January 2018 and shall have effect for a period of three years thereafter, expiring on 2 January 2021 unless extended by further orders.

2. **The Restricted Area:**
   The Order applies to all gated and fenced children's play areas in the Suffolk Coastal District.

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 proposes to prohibit dogs from entering the "Restricted Area"

6. **Exemptions:**
   This order shall 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.

7. **Offences**

   a) Failure without reasonable excuse to comply with the prohibitions imposed by this Order, as set out at point 5 above is 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.

GIVEN under the common seal of Suffolk Coastal District Council
On the
……3rd……day of……January……2018
THE COMMON SEAL of the
Suffolk Coastal District Council
was hereunder affixed in the presence of:-

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