

PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER

Anti Social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014 2018/02 – Exclusion of Dogs from Thorpeness Beach

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:

2. The Restricted Area:

The Order applies to the areas outlined in red on the accompanying map as follows:

Area 'A' shaded pink on the attached plan marked "Area A"

Area 'B' shaded pale blue on the attached plan marked "Area B"

3. Persons to whom this Order applies:

The Order applies to all persons within the Restricted Areas at all times of the day and night during the period from 1st May and ending 30th September (inclusive) each year.

4. The Activity:

This order applies to two activities:

Activity 'A' - allowing any dog to enter or remain in Area 'A' during the period specified, other than on a lead

Activity 'B' - allowing any dog to enter or remain in Area 'B' during the specified period

The Council is satisfied that the conditions set out in Section 59 of the Act have been satisfied and that these activities 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 prohibitions imposed.

5. Prohibitions:

This order comprises two prohibitions in pursuance of section 59 of the Act, as follows:

Prohibition 'A' the Council prohibits dogs not on leads within Area 'A' for the period commencing 1st May and ending 30th September (inclusive) each year.

Prohibition 'B' the Council prohibits dogs within Area 'B' for the period commencing 1st May and ending 30th September (inclusive) each year.

6. Exemptions:

This order shall not apply to any person who:

- i. is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or
- ii. 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

- iii. Failure without reasonable excuse to comply with the prohibitions imposed by this Order, as set out at point 5 above is a criminal offence.
- iv. 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.
- v. 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/Sealed: Dated:



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