

Thurrock Council

Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

THE THURROCK COUNCIL,

GRAYS PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER 2026

The Borough Council of Thurrock ("the Council"), in exercise of its powers under Section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, hereby makes the following Order:

This Order shall be known as the Grays Public Space Protection Order 2026.

This Order shall come into force on 26/06/2026 and shall remain in force for a period of three (3) years, unless extended, varied, or discharged earlier by the Council.

This Order applies to the public spaces identified below

It applies to the area within the following roads: It applies to the area within the following roads: Sherfield Road, from junction with Argent Street to crossing with Crown Road; Crown Road to Stanley Road; Stanley Road to Orsett Road; Orsett Road into London Road, into Hogg Lane, to Eastern Way; Eastern Way to Seally Road; Seally Road to London Road; London Road to Maidstone Road; Maidstone Road to Bruces Wharf Road; Bruces Wharf Road to Argent Street; Argent Street to Sherfield Road incorporating the Derby Road Bridge, Hampden Road including the alleyway parallel to Orsett Road, Bridge Road from Orsett Road to Argent Street, Argent Street and Grays Riverside Park including Thames Road and the Foreshore from Grays Yacht Club, to Manor Way up to Bridge Road, St Peter and St Paul church incorporating the church footpath to Wharf Road

A map outlining the boundaries of the Restricted Area is attached to this Order

The Council is satisfied that activities have been carried out in this Restricted Area and

- a. These activities have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality;
- b. The activities are persistent or continuing in nature;
- c. The activities are unreasonable; and
- d. The restrictions imposed by this Order are necessary to prevent the detrimental effect from continuing, recurring or occurring.

and in doing so meets the statutory tests required.

Conditions in the Order under Section 59 (4) prohibits:

1. Consumption of Alcohol & Anti-Social Drinking

A person shall not, within the Restricted Area:

- a. Consume alcohol in any public place after being required to cease by an Authorised Officer; or
- b. Fail to surrender any alcohol or alcohol container when required to do so by an Authorised Officer.

2. Use of Face Coverings to Conceal Identity

A person shall not, within the Restricted Area, wear any mask, balaclava or other face covering where:

- a. An Authorised Person reasonably believes that the face covering is being worn wholly or mainly for the purpose of concealing identity in order to facilitate the commission of anti-social behaviour or crime; and
- b. The person fails to remove the face covering when requested to do so by an Authorised Person.
- c. This prohibition does not apply to face coverings worn:
 - i. For religious or cultural reasons;
 - ii. For medical or health purposes;
 - iii. As part of lawful employment or protective equipment;
 - iv. For weather protection; or
 - v. As part of a lawful event, performance or legitimate activity.

3. Riding of Electric Scooters

A person shall not, within the Restricted Area:

- a. Use, ride or propel an electrically powered scooter in any area designated and clearly signed as a pedestrian-only zone; or
- b. Use an electrically powered scooter in a manner which causes, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to any other person, or which creates a risk of danger or injury to others.

4. Cycling, E-bikes, Hoverboards, Segways & Similar Devices in Pedestrian Areas

A person shall not:

- a. Ride or use any bicycle, electrically assisted cycle, scooter, hoverboard, segway or similar device within any area designated and signed as a pedestrian-only zone within the Restricted Area; or
- b. Use such devices in a manner which causes or is likely to cause danger, obstruction, or nuisance to any other person.

5. Use of Amplification Equipment

A person shall not, within the Restricted Area:

- a. Use amplification equipment, including loudspeakers, megaphones or public address systems, without prior written permission from the Council; or
- b. Use such equipment in a manner which causes, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to any other person.

6. Feeding of Birds or Wildlife

A person shall not deposit food for birds or wildlife in any location within the Restricted Area which is clearly marked by signage as an area where such activity is likely to cause a health nuisance, harassment, alarm or distress to any other person.

7. Managing Anti-social Behaviour in Groups

A person or group shall not, within the Restricted Area:

- a. Congregate or remain in a group of two or more persons where an Authorised Person reasonably believes that the behaviour of the group is causing, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to any other person; and
- b. Fail to comply with a reasonable direction given by an Authorised Person to disperse.

8. Obstruction

A person shall not, within the Restricted Area:

- a. Without reasonable excuse, obstruct the free passage of pedestrians on any highway, footpath or public right of way; or
- b. Place, leave, or park any item, including a vehicle, electrically assisted cycle, scooter or bicycle, in such a manner as to cause, or be likely to cause, an unreasonable obstruction or a risk of danger to pedestrians.

Requirement to Comply with Directions.

In the Restricted Area a person commits an offence if without reasonable excuse he or she fails to comply with any activity they are required to undertake, namely

1. Leave the Restricted Area when required to do so by an Authorised Officer and not return within 48 hours, save for the exceptions set out below, or
2. Surrender any alcohol or intoxicating substances, including nitrous oxide in his or her possession when required to do so by an Authorised Officer

Exceptions

A person may return within 48 hours for the purpose of attending the following locations:

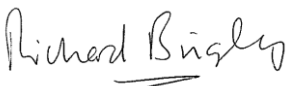
- a. Their residence, if it is within the Restricted Area
- b. Appointments with the Probation Service
- c. Appointments with Drug and Alcohol Services
- d. Appointments at Thurrock Council Offices
- e. Appointments at Thurrock Medical Centre or the Grays Surgery
- f. Attendance at South Essex College
- g. Directed to attend Grays Police Station, Brooke Road, Grays by an "authorised officer"

The following persons may enforce this Order and are known to be 'Authorised Persons':

- Police officers
- Police Community Support Officers
- Council Enforcement Officers
- Any other person authorised in writing by the Council

Enforcement

Failure, without reasonable excuse, to comply with the prohibitions or requirements imposed by this Order is a summary offence under section 67 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act, 2014. A person guilty of an offence under Section 67 is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale. A constable or an authorised person may, under Section 68 of the Act, issue a fixed penalty notice to anyone he or she has reason to believe has committed an offence under section 67 in relation to this Order.

Signed 

Dated 26/06/2026

(Leader of Thurrock Council)

By authority of Thurrock Council under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, Civic Offices, New Road, Grays

Any interested person may challenge the validity of this Order under Section 66 of the Act within six weeks of it being made.