

# Thurrock Council

## Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

### THE THURROCK COUNCIL, Grays Riverside and Grays Thurrock wards

## PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER 2020

THE Thurrock Council (herein "the Council") makes this Order under Section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, having consulted as required by Section 72 of the Act.

The Order takes effect on 1 April 2020 and lasts for 3 years, until 31 March 2023.

1. It applies to the area within the following roads: Sheffield 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 Sheffield Road incorporating the Derby Road Bridge, Bridge Road into Clarence Road to Bridge Road and up to Orsett Road. Hampden Road including the alleyway parallel to Orsett Road

This will be known as "The Restricted Area" and is outlined on the map attached to this document.

The Council is satisfied that activities have been carried out in this Restricted Area which have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those living, working and visiting the locality. Further, it is satisfied that the effect of these activities is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature and is, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable and the effect justifies the restrictions imposed.

The Council makes this Order as people have been gathering in the Restricted Area and acting in a manner causing annoyance, harassment, alarm and distress to those in the locality. The consumption of alcohol, by those acting in a manner which is causing the annoyance, harassment, alarm and distress, is a prevailing factor. The activities have caused those living, working and visiting the Restricted Area to make complaints both to the Council and Police.

The Council and Police have also collated evidence from local residents and those who work in business situated in the designated area who state:

- public space is being misused
- there is disregard for community and personal well being

These activities have given rise to nuisance and complaint to both the Council and the Police from local residents and businesses.

The Order may be cited as the Grays Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order 2020.

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

1. all drinking of alcohol and consummation of intoxicating substances within the designated area
2. being verbally abusive to any person or behaving in a way which causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to another person
3. urination in a public place other than within designated public toilets
4. spitting in a public place

An "authorised officer" is any Police Officer, Police Community Support Officer, or an officer designated by the Council.

### **Conditions in the Order which are requirements**

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 in his or her possession when required to do so by an authorised officer

### **Exceptions**

A person may return within 48 hours for the following purposes:

- a. attending their residence, if it is within the Restricted Area
- b. appointments with the National Probation Service
- c. appointments with the Community Rehabilitation Company
- d. appointments with Drug and Alcohol Services
- e. appointments at Thurrock Council Offices
- f. attendance at South Essex College
- g. directed to attend Grays Police Station, Brooke Road, Grays by an "authorised officer"

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 .....

By authority of Thurrock Council under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Civic Offices, New Road, Grays.

