

## LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

### PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER

1. This Public Spaces Protection Order ('Order') is made pursuant to Part 4, Chapter 2, section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ('ASBCPA 2014').
2. The order takes effect on 5 September 2022 and has a duration of 3 years.
3. It applies to the public place: As marked in red on the attached map. This will be known as "The Restricted Area".
4. 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 in 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.
5. The Council therefore under section 59 (4) prohibits the following:
  - I. No person shall refuse to stop drinking alcohol (unless they are in a licensed premise or at a venue where a temporary event notice is in place) or hand over any containers (sealed or unsealed) which are believed to contain alcohol, when required, to do so by an authorised officer in order to prevent public nuisance or disorder.
  - II. No person shall beg in a manner reasonably perceived to be intimidating or aggressive.
  - III. No person shall be verbally abusive to any person or behave in a way which causes or is likely to cause harassment alarm or distress to another person.
  - IV. No person shall urinate, defecate or spit in a public place. This includes the doorway or alcove of any premises to which the public has access.
  - V. No persons shall gather in groups of 2 or more whilst engaging in nuisance or criminal behaviour. This will not apply to persons going to or from a parked vehicle or waiting for a scheduled bus at a designated bus stop unless they are engaging in nuisance or criminal behaviour.
  - VI. No person shall cause a motor vehicle of any description to stop on zig zag markings outside a school premises during prescribed hours as indicated by the appropriate signage.
  - VII. No moped/motorbike driver shall gather in groups of 3 or more or drive/ride in such a way to cause harassment, alarm, distress or annoyance to the community.

6. The Council also stipulates the following requirements:

Any person directed to leave an area by any officer authorised to make such a direction by the Council or Police, shall do so. Such a direction may be given where the officer is satisfied that the person concerned has breached this order either by:

- a. consuming alcohol in the manner described in paragraph 1 above; or
  - b. by behaving in a manner which is likely to cause harassment, alarm, distress or annoyance or
  - c. Begging in an aggressive or intimidating manner.
7. Failure without reasonable excuse, to comply with the prohibitions or requirements imposed by this Order is a summary offence under section 67 of the 2014 Act. 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.
  8. A constable or an authorised person may under section 68 of the 2014 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.