

The Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014
The Public Spaces Protection Order (North Northamptonshire Council) (Dog Control) Order 2023

Notice is hereby given that North Northamptonshire Council (in this order called “the Authority”) hereby makes a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) under Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the Act) and all of the enabling powers:

General Provisions

1. The Order will be cited as the Public Spaces Protection Order (North Northamptonshire Council) (Dog Control) Order 2023 (“the Order”)
2. Unless otherwise provided this order applies to all land in the administrative area of the Authority to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of any express or implied permission
3. The Order will come into effect on ** and shall remain in place for a period of 3 years unless extended by further order under the Council’s statutory powers.
4. A person who fails to comply with any obligation imposed by this order is guilty of an offence by virtue of section 67(1) of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 and liable to a fine on summary conviction not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
5. If any interested person desires to question the validity of this Order on the grounds that the Council had no power to make it or that any requirement of the Act has not been complied with in relation to this Order, he or she may apply to the High Court within six weeks from the date on which this Order is made.

6. Obligations on persons with dogs:

If a dog defecates at any time on land to which this order applies a person who is in charge of the dog at the time must remove the faeces from the land forthwith unless

(a) he or she has reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or

(b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his or her failing to do so (all areas of borough).

7. Lead by order

A person in charge of a dog on land to which this order applies must comply with a direction given to him or her by an authorised officer of the Authority to put and keep the dog on a lead unless

- (a) he or she has reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his or her failing to do so.

An authorised officer may only give direction under this order if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or to a bird or another animal.

8. Leads

A person in charge of a dog on land detailed in Schedule 1 must keep the dog on a lead unless

- (a) he or she has reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his or her failing to do so.

9. Exclusion

A person in charge of a dog must not take it into or keep it within land detailed in Schedule 2 below unless:

- (a) he or she has reasonable excuse for doing so; or
- (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his or her failing to do so.

10. Exemptions

Nothing in this order shall apply to a person who:

- (a) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or
- (b) a person with a disability affecting their mobility, manual dexterity or ability to lift, carry or move everyday objects and who relies upon a dog trained by a prescribed charity for assistance.

For the purpose of this order:

- A person who habitually has a dog in his or her possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog;
- Placing the faeces in a receptacle on the land, which is provided for the purpose, or for the disposal of waste, shall be sufficient removal from the land;
- Being unaware of the defecation (whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise), or not having a device for or other suitable means of removing the faeces shall not constitute a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the faeces.
- “an authorised officer of the Authority” means an employee, partnership agency or contractor of North Northamptonshire Council who is authorised in writing by North Northamptonshire Council for the purposes of giving directions under the Order

Schedule 1

1. This order applies to all land which is within the administrative area of North Northamptonshire Council and which is:

(i) A highway, footway, cycleway or footpath maintainable at the public expense, any grass verge maintained by the local authority and which is adjacent to any carriageway or footway of any highway, any road subject to a 30 mph limit or less to that part of the carriageway of a highway which forms part of the gutter.

(ii) The following pedestrian and parking areas:

The pedestrian areas and car parks at the:

Tithe Barn and Croyland Hall, Tithe Barn Road, Wellingborough

Swanspool House, London Road, Wellingborough

The Castle Theatre, Castle Way, Wellingborough

Redwell Leisure Centre, Barnwell Road, Wellingborough

Waendel Swimming Pool, Cannon Street, Wellingborough

Swansgate Multi-storey carpark, Commercial Way, Wellingborough

High Street Car Park, Wellingborough

Embankment Car Park, Wellingborough

Car park on Palk Road/Knox Road, Wellingborough

(iii) The following parks, church yards and cemeteries, gardens, recreation land, playing fields etc

- Swanspool Gardens, Wellingborough
- London Road Cemetery, Wellingborough
- Doddington Road Cemetery, Wellingborough
- Wollaston Cemetery, Cobbs Lane, Wollaston
- Earls Barton Cemetery, Wellingborough Road, Earls Barton
- Summer Leys Local Nature Reserve
- Village Green, London Road, Bozeat
- Finedon Bowling Green, Recreation Ground, Wellingborough Road, Finedon
- Finedon Banks, Wellingborough Road, Finedon
- Grendon St Mary's Church Cemetery, Grendon
- All Hallows Churchyard, Wellingborough
- Croyland Gardens, Wellingborough

- Ashton Village Green
- Barnwell St Andrews Churchyard
- Barnwell Chancel Churchyard
- Brigstock Church Walk
- Collyweston Playing field/pocket park, The Drift
- Higham Ferrers Saffron Road Rec Ground
- Irthlingborough Cemetery Church Street

- Irthlingborough Cemetery, Wellingborough Road
 - Islip Sports Field Toll Bar Road
 - Lowick Pocket park/play area
 - Nassington Village green and adjoining field
 - Oundle Cemetery and church yard
 - Oundle Market Place
 - Oundle Occupation Road and surrounding sports areas
 - Rushden Hall Park
 - Stanwick Stanwick Lakes
 - Thrapston St James Churchyard, Church Walk
 - Thrapston The Peace Park, Huntingdon Road
 - Thrapston The Spinney, Warwick Gardens
 - Warmington Playing field
 - Warmington Warmington open space
 - Woodnewton Churchyard
 - Yarwell Allotments
 - Yarwell Playing field/football field
 - Yarwell Cemetery, Nassington Road, Yarwell
 - Yarwell Locks Green, Main Street
 - Yarwell St Mary Magdelene Church
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- Burton Latimer cemeteries
 - Broughton cemetery
 - Kettering London Road cemetery
 - Pytchley cemetery
 - Rothwell cemetery
 - Kettering Rothwell Road cemetery
 - Cransley cemetery
 - Desborough cemetery
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- Manor Gardens, Kettering
 - Garden of Rest, Kettering
 - Parish Church Yard, gardens, Kettering
 - Market Place, gardens, Kettering
 - Municipal Gardens, Kettering

Schedule 2

1. This order applies to all land which is within the administrative area of North Northamptonshire Council and which is:

- (i) A fenced/enclosed children's play area and multi court signed at its entrance(s) as a "dog exclusion area" (whether the sign uses those particular words and/or symbols having like effect) which is designated and marked for children's play

- (ii) Following playing fields, recreation grounds and cemeteries:
 - Bozeat Cemetery, Easton Lane Bozeat
 - Playing field adjacent to Grendon CE School
 - Playing field Grendon Sapphires Youth Football Club, Yardley Road, Grendon
 - Playing field, Webb's Lane, Sywell

 - The Embankment Splash Pool

 - Great Addington The Addington's Playing field
 - Higham Ferrers Cemetery, Vine Hill Drive
 - Islip Rec Ground, High Street
 - Raunds Skate Park Amos Lawrence
 - Rushden Newton Road Cemetery
 - Stanwick Bowling green Stanwick Rec Ground