

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

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 and dispose of it in an appropriate manner.

Unless:

- (a) they have 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 their failing to do so (all areas of the Authority).

## **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) they have 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 their 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 of fixed length and of not more than 2 metres unless:

- (a) they have 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 their 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) they have 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 their 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 an assistance dog.

**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.
- In relation to the requirement for a dog to be on a lead, extendable leads are acceptable, but they must be locked at a length of 2 m or less.
- The term “Assistance Dog” shall mean a dog which has been trained to assist a person with a disability.
- The expression “disability” shall have the meaning prescribed in section 6 of the Equality Act 2010 or as may be defined in any subsequent amendment or re-enactment of that legislation.

## 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:

- 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
- Oundle Market Place

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

- Special Protection Area Unit 2 Earls Barton West
- Special Protection Area Unit 3 Summer Leys Nature Reserve and Wollaston Lakes
- Special Protection Area Unit 4 Wellingborough Gravel Pits
- Special Protection Area Unit 5 Ditchford East, Nene Wetlands
- Special Protection Area Unit 6 Stanwick Lakes, Stanwick
- Special Protection Area Unit 7 Kinewell Lake
- Special Protection Area Unit 8 Thrapston and Titchmarsh Lakes
- Hayes Wood Wildlife Refuge, Sywell Country Park
  
- London Road Cemetery, Wellingborough
- Doddington Road Cemetery, Wellingborough
- Wollaston Cemetery, Cobbs Lane, Wollaston
- Earls Barton Cemetery, Wellingborough Road, Earls Barton
- Grendon St Mary's Church Cemetery, Grendon
- All Hallows Churchyard, Wellingborough
- Closed church yard attached to St Marys Church, Bozeat
- Barnwell St Andrews Churchyard
- Barnwell Chancel Churchyard
- Brigstock Church Walk

- Irthlingborough Cemetery, Church Street
  - Irthlingborough Cemetery, Wellingborough Road
  - Oundle Cemetery and church yard
  - Thrapston St James Churchyard, Church Walk
  - Yarwell St Mary Magdelene Church
  - Yarwell Cemetery, Nassington Road, Yarwell
  - Burton Latimer cemeteries
  - Broughton cemetery
  - Kettering London Road cemetery
  - Pytchley cemetery
  - Rothwell cemetery
  - Kettering Rothwell Road cemetery
  - Cransley cemetery
  - Desborough cemetery
  - Saint Lawrence Church Yard, Stanwick
  - Stanwick Cemetery
  - Woodnewton Churchyard
  - Garden of Rest, Kettering
  - Parish Church Yard, gardens, Kettering
  - St Peters Church, Stanion
  - St John the Baptist Church, Church Walk, Corby
  - Oakley Park, Church Drive, Great Oakley
  - St Mary the Virgin, Church Street, Weldon
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- Swanspool Gardens, Wellingborough
  - Croyland Gardens, Wellingborough
  - Village Green, London Road, Bozeat
  - Finedon Bowling Green, Recreation Ground, Wellingborough Road, Finedon
  - Finedon Banks, Wellingborough Road, Finedon
  - Grendon Pocket Park, NN17 1JW
  - Ashton Village Green
  - Collyweston Playing field/pocket park, The Drift
  - Saffron Road Recreation Ground, Higham Ferrers
  - Islip Sports Field Toll Bar Road
  - Lowick Pocket park/play area
  - Nassington Village green and adjoining field
  - Oundle Occupation Road and surrounding sports areas
  - Rushden Hall Park
  - Thrapston The Peace Park, Huntingdon Road
  - Thrapston The Spinney, Warwick Gardens
  - Warmington Playing field
  - Warmington Warmington open space
  - Yarwell Allotments
  - Yarwell Playing field/football field
  - Yarwell Locks Green, Main Street

- Bassfords Recreation Ground and Millfields (Raunds) during council events
- Amos Lawrence Park, Raunds
- Manor Gardens, Kettering
- Market Place, gardens, Kettering
- Municipal Gardens, Kettering
- Broughton Playing Fields
- High Street Park, Broughton
- North Park (All Saints and Brambleside) during football matches
- Oakley Park, Church Drive, Great Oakley
- Green space, surrounding Great Oakley Cricket Ground
- Oakley Cricket Ground
- Greenspace off Harpers Close, Great Oakley
- Weldon Cricket Club, Weldon

## **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
  - Higham Ferrers Cemetery, Vine Hill Drive
  - Rushden Newton Road Cemetery
  - 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
  - Islip Rec Ground, High Street
  - Stanwick Bowling green Stanwick Rec Ground
  - Meadow Road Park, Kettering