



**Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014**  
**Public Spaces Protection Order North Northamptonshire Council (Rushden Town Centre)**  
**Order no XX of 2024**

Public Spaces Protection Order Notice is hereby given that the North Northamptonshire Council (referred to hereafter as “the Council”) makes a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) under section 59 of The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the Act) and all other enabling powers.

**General Provisions**

1. The Order will be cited as the North Northamptonshire Council (Rushden Town Centre) Public Spaces Protection Order (“the Order”).
2. The Order will apply to any place to which the public have access within the area of land described in Schedule 1 below (“the Prohibition Area”) and is shown edged red and shaded on the attached plan (“the Order plan”) unless otherwise specified.
3. The Order will apply to all persons within the Prohibition Area at all times of the day and night.
4. The Order will come into effect on **[date to be inserted on sealing]** and shall remain in place for a period of 3 years unless extended by further order under the Council’s statutory powers.

**Prohibitions**

The effect of the Order will be to prohibit the following within the Prohibition Area (Schedule 1):

1. **Alcohol consumption** - Being in the possession of any open vessel suspected of containing alcohol, having been requested by an Authorised Officer to surrender the same, unless it is being consumed on a licensed premise i.e. a pub or a restaurant.
2. **Rowdy or inconsiderate behaviour** - Acting in a manner that causes harassment, alarm or distress or acting in a way that an Authorised Officer reasonably perceives to be intimidating and/or aggressive as a result of consuming alcohol.
3. **Using the public space as a toilet** - Urinating or defecating other than in a facility specifically designed and intended for such use.
4. **Begging** - by making any verbal, non-verbal (excluding busking) or written request from a standing, sitting down position for money, donations or goods-including the placing of hats or containers for money.
5. **Misuse of motorised or powered vehicles** - Using a motorised or powered vehicle within the prohibition area causing unreasonable anti-social noise, public nuisance, or danger to others, and or refusal by a person in possession or control of a motorised or powered vehicle, to remove the vehicle from the prohibition area when requested to do so by an Authorised Officer.

**Authorised Officer**

Authorised Officer means a Police Constable, a Police Community Support Officer or an officer of the North Northamptonshire Council in possession of an authority to enforce this order.

**Offences**

Any person who fails without reasonable excuse to comply with the Prohibitions or requirements within this Order commits a summary offence under Section 67 of the Act. A person guilty of an offence under Section 67 of the Act is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

Any person who fails to comply with a requirement of a Constable or an Authorised Officer

1. not to consume alcohol or anything they reasonably believe to be alcohol or
2. not to surrender anything which a Constable or Authorised Officer reasonably believes to be alcohol or a container for alcohol, commits a summary offence under section 63 of the Act.

A person guilty of an offence under Section 63 of the Act is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

**Exemptions**

A Prohibition in this Order will not apply to:-

- I. licensed premises as defined in Section 62 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014

**THE COMMON SEAL of  
NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL**  
was hereto affixed in the presence of

Signed .....

Full Name .....

Title .....

Authorised by North Northamptonshire Council to sign on its behalf

Dated this day 2024

**Schedule 1**

1. This order applies to all land which is within the administrative area of North Northamptonshire Council as edged red and shaded on the Order plan appended to this order and which is:
  - I. Any 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. Church Green (War Memorial and Gardens) bordered by Wellingborough Road and High Street.
  - III. The High Street
  - IV. Victoria Road between High Street and Rectory Road
  - V. West Street
  - VI. Queen Street between High Street and Rectory Road
  - VII. George Street
  - VIII. Coffee Tavern Lane
  - IX. Church Street
  - X. John Street
  - XI. Eaton Walk
  - XII. Alfred Street
  - XIII. College Street
  - XIV. Rectory Road
  - XV. Newton Road
  - XVI. Duck Street
  - XVII. Wellingborough Road from Duck Street to High Street
  - XVIII. John Street car park
  - XIX. Duck Street car park
  - XX. Splash Pool car park
  - XXI. Orchard Place car park
  - XXII. Rectory Road car park