



The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, Part 4, Section 59

Public Spaces Protection Order

Spelthorne Borough Council ('the Council') in exercise of the power under section 59, 60, and 72 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 ('the Act') hereby makes the following Order:-

The Spelthorne Borough Wide Public Spaces Protection Order 2025

1. This order shall come into effect from 16th May 2025 and shall have effect for a period of three years thereafter, unless extended by further order under the Council's statutory powers.
2. The Order relates to any public place to which the public, or any section of the public has access to in the whole of the Borough of Spelthorne as shown on the attached borough map (the restricted area).
3. The Council is satisfied that the conditions set out in Sections 59 and 72 of the Act have been met, and that it is, in all the circumstances, expedient to make this order. The order is required to reduce the detrimental effect of crime and anti-social behaviour in the Restricted Area, which has had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality and to reduce the risk of this reoccurring. The effect or likely effect of the anti-social behaviour and crime in the Restricted Area is of a persistent or continuing nature such as to make it unreasonable, and justifies the restrictions imposed by this Order.
4. The Council has had regard to the rights and freedoms set out in the European Convention on Human Rights. The Council has had particular regard to the rights and freedoms set out in Article 10 (right of freedom of expression) and Article 11 (right of freedom of assembly) of the European Convention on Human Rights and has concluded that the restrictions on such rights and freedoms imposed by this Order are lawful, necessary and proportionate.
5. The activities described below are hereby prohibited as from the date of this Order.

1. Prohibition 1

Any person who rides a bicycle, skateboard, hoverboard or similar devices, e-scooter or e-bike on pavements or footpaths, or on other surfaces in the restricted area, in a dangerous or reckless manner, that is likely to cause obstruction, alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public or cause criminal damage by their use, commits an offence.

An authorised person may request a person to dismount if they are using any bicycle, skateboard, hoverboard or similar devices, e-scooter or e-bike on pavements or footpaths, or on other surfaces in the restricted area, in a malicious or dangerous or reckless manner, that is likely to cause obstruction, alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public or cause criminal damage by their use, commits an offence.

Exemptions: This prohibition is not to be enforced against

(a) Any electrically powered scooter designed for people with restricted mobility, including those who are elderly or disabled person

2. Prohibition 2

Any person who is wearing face coverings mask in an attempt to conceal their face or identity that is likely to cause intimidation, harassment, alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public by their use in the restricted area, commits an offence. This includes scarves, balaclavas, masks or other such clothing or items used to cover the head and face.

Exemptions: This prohibition is not to be enforced against

(a) Any person who for religious faith or cultural beliefs or existing health conditions has their face covered by such clothing or medical grade face masks.

3. Prohibition 3

Any person who carries, or has on their person, or is in possession of a catapult, slingshot or other item capable of launching a missile, in the restricted area, that could cause harm or damage to any person, animal or property or, that is likely to cause alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public or cause criminal damage by their use, commits an offence.

Any person who fails to surrender or hand over a catapult, slingshot or other item capable of launching a missile, in the restricted area, when asked to do so by an authorised person commits an offence.

Any person who carries, or has on their person, or is in possession of stones, ball bearings, pellets or other items capable of being launched as a projectile by a catapult, slingshot or other item capable of launching a missile, or by manual force in the restricted area, that could cause harm or damage to any person, animal or property or, that is likely to cause alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public or cause criminal damage by their use, commits an offence.

Any person who fails to surrender or hand over any stones, ball bearings, pellets or other items capable of being launched as a projectile by a catapult, slingshot or other item capable of launching a missile, in the restricted area, when asked to do so by an authorised person commits an offence.

Exemptions: This prohibition is not to be enforced against

(a) Any person who has such items for legitimate uses such as bait catapults for fishing.

4. 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 6 weeks from the date on which this Order is made.
5. A constable or an authorised person may issue a fixed penalty notice to anyone he or she has reason to believe has committed an offence under section 67 of the Act in relation to a public spaces protection order by entering the area referred to above. Where a person is issued with a notice under this section in respect of an offence
 - a. An amount specified under subsection (5) (c) is £100 payable to Spelthorne Borough Council.
 - b. No proceedings may be taken for the offence before the end of the period of 14 days following the date of the notice.
 - c. The person may not be convicted of the offence if the person pays the fixed penalty before the end of that period.
 - d. If the fixed penalty is not paid before the end of the period referred to above, they may be prosecuted as referred to in paragraph 6 below.
 - e. A copy of the Order and map may be obtained by contacting Neighbourhood Services at Spelthorne Borough Council on (01784) 451499 or neighbourhoodservices@spelthorne.gov.uk. Alternatively, the Order can be seen at www.Spelthorne.gov.uk
6. Any person who without reasonable excuse fails to comply with this Order shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

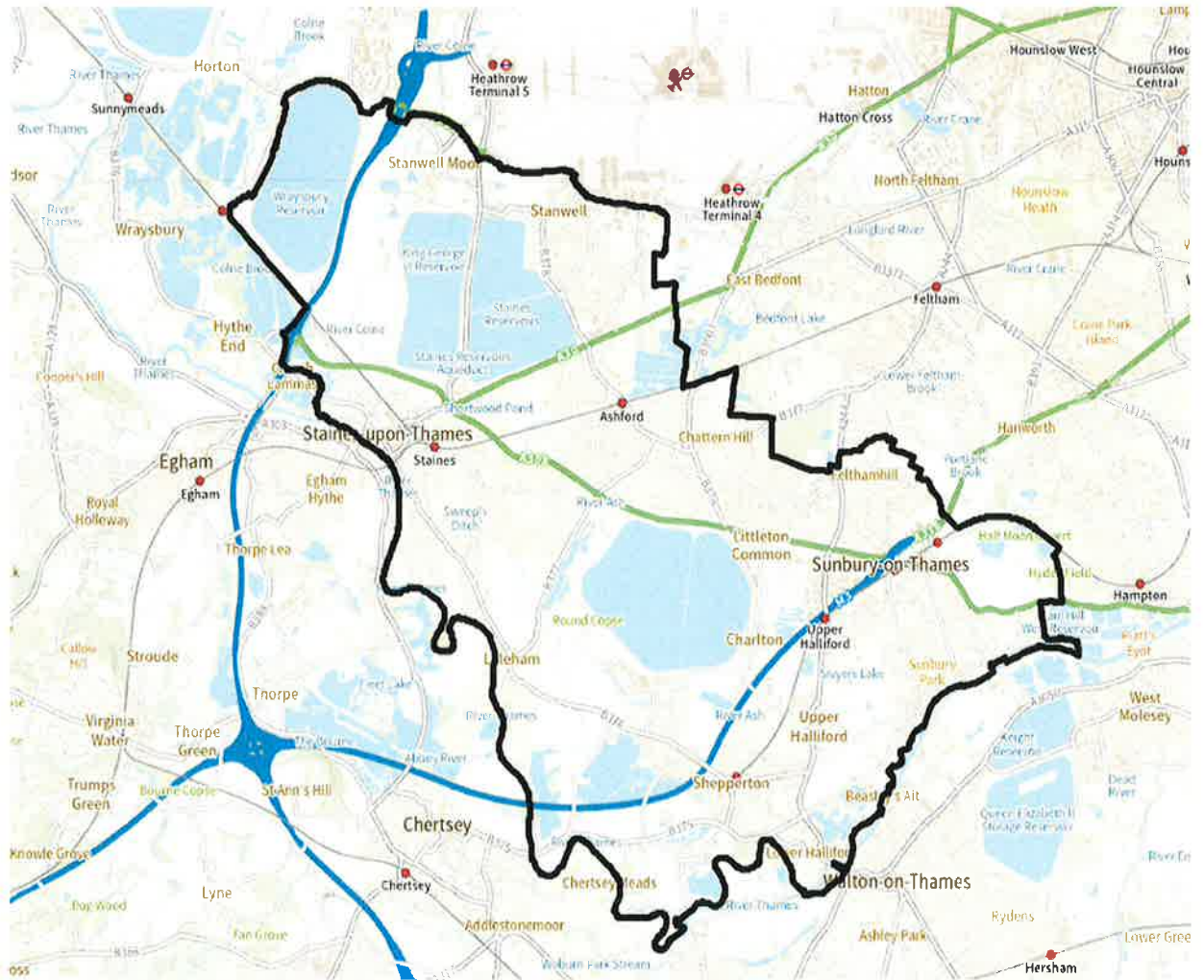
The COMMON SEAL of
SPELTHORNE BROUGH COUNCIL
was hereunto affixed in the presence
of:



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S. Boyce
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Authorised Signatory

Spelthorne Borough Map (the restricted area) edged black



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