



# PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER

## Anti Social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014 2017/09 – Dogs in Children’s Play Areas

Notice is hereby given that **Waveney District Council** in exercise of its powers under Section 59 of the Anti Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (“The Act”) makes the following Order:

**1. Duration:**

This Order shall come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 and shall have effect for a period of three years thereafter, expiring on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 unless revoked, amended or extended by further orders.

**2. The Restricted Area:**

The Order applies to all children’s play areas in the Waveney District which are gated (or fitted with grids) and fenced to prevent access to dogs.

**3. Persons to whom this Order applies:**

The Order applies to all persons within the Restricted Area at all times of the day and night.

**4. The Activity:**

The Council is satisfied that the conditions set out in Section 59 of the Act have been satisfied and that causing or allowing dogs to enter the Restricted Areas (“the Activity”) has or is likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality. Further, the Council is satisfied that the effect of the Activity is or is likely to be of a persistent or continuing nature and is or is likely to be such as to make the Activity unreasonable and the effect justifies the restrictions imposed.

**5. Prohibitions:**

In pursuance of section 59 of the Act, the Council therefore prohibits any person from taking a dog or dogs into the Restricted Area.

**6. Exemptions:**

This order shall not apply to any person who:

- i. is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or
- ii. is for the time being in charge of an Assistance Dog registered with Assistance Dogs UK and upon which he relies for assistance.

**7. Offences**

- i. Failure without reasonable excuse to comply with the prohibitions imposed by this Order, as set out at point 5 above, is a criminal offence.
- ii. A person guilty of such an offence, under section 67 of the Act, is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- iii. Alternatively, at the Council’s discretion, a person believed to have committed an offence may be offered the opportunity to discharge liability for prosecution by paying a fixed penalty of £80.

Dated this                      day of March 2017

The Common Seal of Suffolk Coastal District Council was affixed in the presence of:

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