

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING
ACT 2014

PART 4, SECTION 59
PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER

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Oxford City Council (the Council) in exercise of the power under section 59 of The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the Act), being satisfied that the conditions set out in section 59 of the Act have been met, makes the following order:

1. The Order applies to the public areas as described in the Schedule Of Land (the Restricted Area):
 - a) It shall be an offence for any person to refuse to stop drinking alcohol or hand over any containers (sealed or unsealed) which are believed to contain alcohol, when required to do so by a police officer or Authorised Person in order to prevent public nuisance or disorder, unless:
 - b) The person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so.

Obstruction of Authorised Person

2. Any person who attempts to obstruct an Authorised Person in carrying out their duties under this Public Spaces Protection Order shall commit an offence.
3. Obstruction includes, but is not limited to, giving false information, physically obstructing an Authorised Person, and refusing to comply with any reasonable instruction given to ensure compliance with this PSPO.

Definitions

4. The Authority means Oxford City Council (the Council).
5. Authorised Person means a police officer, an employee, agent, contractor of the Council or other person who is authorised in writing by the Council.
6. Restricted Area means the land designated in the Schedule Of Land to this Order.
7. The Order applies to all times of day and night.
8. This Order comes into force on 19/12/2023 and will remain in force for a period of three years from that date.

Exemptions

9. This Order does not apply to premises as described in section 62 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

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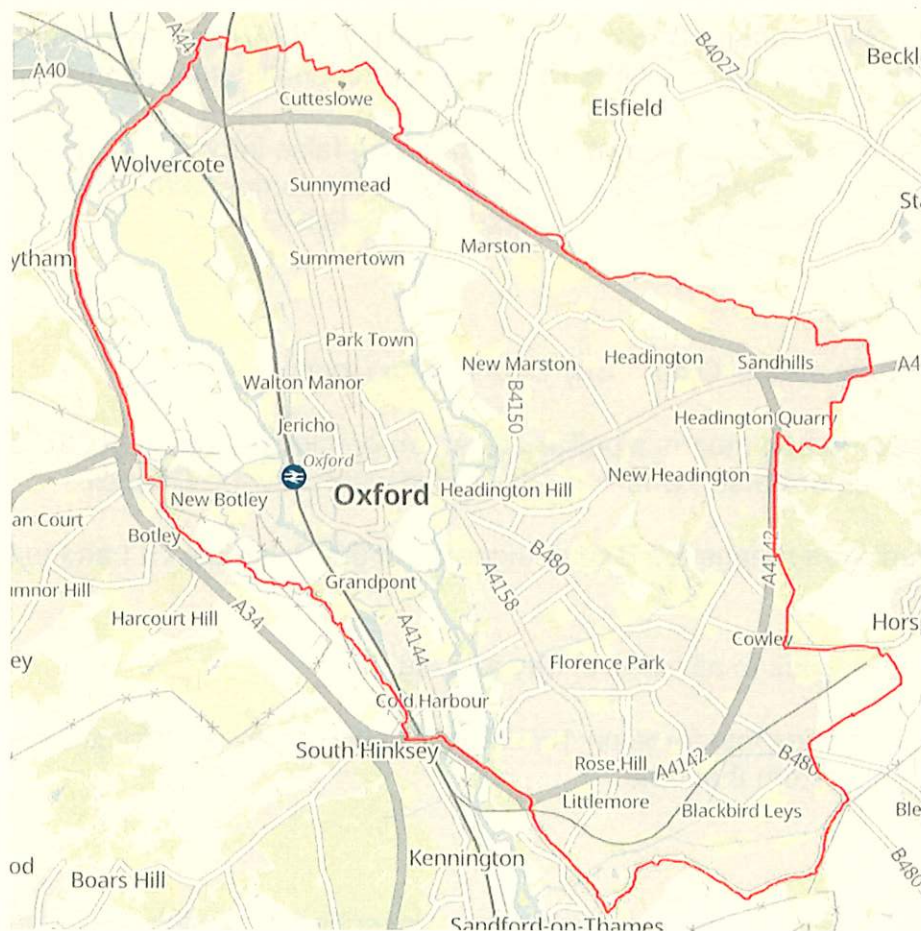
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Penalty

10. Any person who, without reasonable excuse fails to comply with paragraph 1a) of this Order shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.
11. Any person who, without reasonable excuse fails to comply with paragraph 2 of this Order shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

SCHEDULE OF LAND

This Order applies to all land in the administrative area of Oxford City Council (red line) that is open to the air and to which the public are entitled to or permitted to have access (with or without payment). For the purposes of this Schedule land which is covered is to be treated as land which is 'open to the air' if it is open to the air on at least one side.



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CHALLENGING THE VALIDITY OF ORDERS

An interested person may apply to the High Court to question the validity of—

- a) This Order, or
- b) A future variation of this Order.

“Interested person” means an individual who lives in the restricted area or who regularly works in or visits that area.

An appeal against this Order or a future variation of this Order may be made to the High Court within six weeks from the date on which the order or variation is made, on the grounds that:

- a) Oxford City Council did not have power to make the order or variation, or to include particular prohibitions or requirements imposed by the order (or by the order as varied);
- b) a requirement under Chapter 2 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 was not complied with in relation to the order or variation.

Date: 18/12/2023

Signature:

Position: Executive Director for Communities and People

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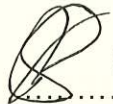
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THE COMMON SEAL of THE OXFORD CITY COUNCIL was affixed to this document which is executed as a deed by order of the Council in the presence of:-

 Shona Dunning for and on behalf
Nominated Officer of the Mayor of Oxon
and Governance.



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Witness address