

# Thanet District Council

**Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014**

**Public Spaces Protection Order (Thanet District  
Council) 2021**



**Thanet District Council (in this order called “the Authority”) hereby makes the following Order;**

Under section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, the authority is satisfied that anti-social behaviour is being carried out within the area to which this order applies, it is likely that these activities will continue to be carried out and that this is having or it is likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality by causing harassment, alarm and distress.

This order relates to the land inside the area marked on the attached maps (Schedule 1) which is outlined in red (‘the Restricted Area’) . This includes all spaces within this boundary that are accessible to the public.

This Order comes into force on 31st July 2021 for a period of 3 years.

**Offences:**

The activities which are prohibited by this order within the designated areas:

**I. Anti-Social group congregation**

All persons are prohibited from congregating as part of a group of 2 or more for such duration as specified, when directed not to do so by an authorised officer; on the basis that the behaviour is causing or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to others in the locality.

**II. Misuse of public space**

All persons are prohibited from misusing any public space, facility or installation; when directed not to do so by an authorised officer and that the behaviour is causing or is likely to cause harassment alarm or distress to others in the locality. Officers will have particular regard to the rights of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly set out in articles 10 and 11 of the convention.

**III. Using foul or abusive language**

All persons are prohibited from using foul or abusive language in such a manner that it is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to any other person in any public place.

**IV. Excreting bodily fluids**

All persons are prohibited from excreting bodily fluid, including but not limited to urinating, defecating or spitting in any public place that is not a specified toilet facility.

Length of Order: this Order shall have effect for a period of 3 years.

## Designated areas

