

Public Space Protection Order

Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Sections 60 and 61)

The City of Stoke-on-Trent Public Space Protection Order (Longton) 2024 Longton Town Centre

This Order may be cited as The City of Stoke-on-Trent Public Space Protection Order (Longton) 2024

Notice is hereby given that THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOKE-ON-TRENT ("the Authority") makes the following PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER under section 60 and 61 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act").

THIS ORDER is made by the Authority because the Authority is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the activity identified in this Order have been carried out in a public place within the Authority's area, namely Longton Town Centre shown by a thick red line on the map attached to this order, and hereinafter referred to as the "Restricted Area" and that the activities have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality and that the effect of these activities:

- a) Is of a persistent or continuing nature, and
- b) Is such as to make the activities unreasonable, and
- c) Justifies the restrictions imposed by this notice

AND the Authority is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the prohibitions imposed by this Order are reasonable to prevent or reduce the detrimental effect and the risk of those activities from continuing, occurring or recurring within the Restricted Area.

BY THIS ORDER the Public Space Protection Order 2024 is to be implemented as follows:

1. The Public Space Protection Order – Longton Town Centre 2024 is implemented for a period of three years.

A map providing a visual reference for the boundary lines is annexed to this order.

The Council is satisfied that the following activities have had a detrimental effect within the Restricted area and are therefore prohibited.

1. **No person within the Restricted Area shall have in their possession an open vessel containing alcohol other than in grounds of licensed premises or in accordance with an organised licensed event.**
2. **Any person within the Restricted Area is prohibited from engaging in behaviour or using language likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to visitors, residents and businesses.**

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER

Failure to comply with prohibition 1. above, where,

A constable or authorised person reasonably believes that

- you are or have been consuming alcohol in breach of this order; or
- intend to consume alcohol in circumstances in which doing so would be breach of this order

The constable or authorised person may require you –

- Not to consume, in breach of the order, alcohol or anything which is reasonably believed to be alcohol.
- To surrender anything in your possession which is, or which is reasonably believed to be, alcohol or a container for alcohol.

It is an offence under section 63 of the Act for a person, without reasonable excuse to fail to comply with a requirement imposed by a constable or authorised person and will be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale or a Fixed Penalty Notice or both.

Failure to comply with prohibition 2. above, where,

A constable or authorised person reasonably believes that

- You are or have been engaging in behaviour or using language likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to visitors, residents and businesses

The constable or authorised person may require you –

- To disperse from the designated order area and not return within 12 hrs, unless for a lawful reason.

No person shall refuse to leave the location specified when given a direction to do so by a constable or authorised officer.

It is an offence under section 67 of the Act for a person, without reasonable excuse to fail to comply with this requirement and you will be liable on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale or a Fixed Penalty Notice or both.

PERIOD FOR WHICH THE ORDER HAS EFFECT

This order will come into force on the 15th July 2024 and lasts until 15th July 2027.

At any point before the expiry of this 3 year period, the Council can extend the order by up to 3 years if they are satisfied on reasonable grounds that this is necessary to prevent activities identified in the order from occurring or recurring or to prevent an increase in frequency or seriousness of those activities after that time.

APPEALS

Any challenge to this order must be made in the high court by an interested person with 6 weeks of it being made. An interested person is someone who lives in, works in or regularly visits the Restricted Area. This means that only those who are directly affected by the prohibitions have power to challenge. Interested persons can challenge the validity of this order on two grounds: that the council did not have the power to make the order or variation to include particular prohibitions or

requirements imposed; or that a requirement of Chapter 2 of the Act, has not been complied with in relation to the order or variation.

Dated 9th July 2024

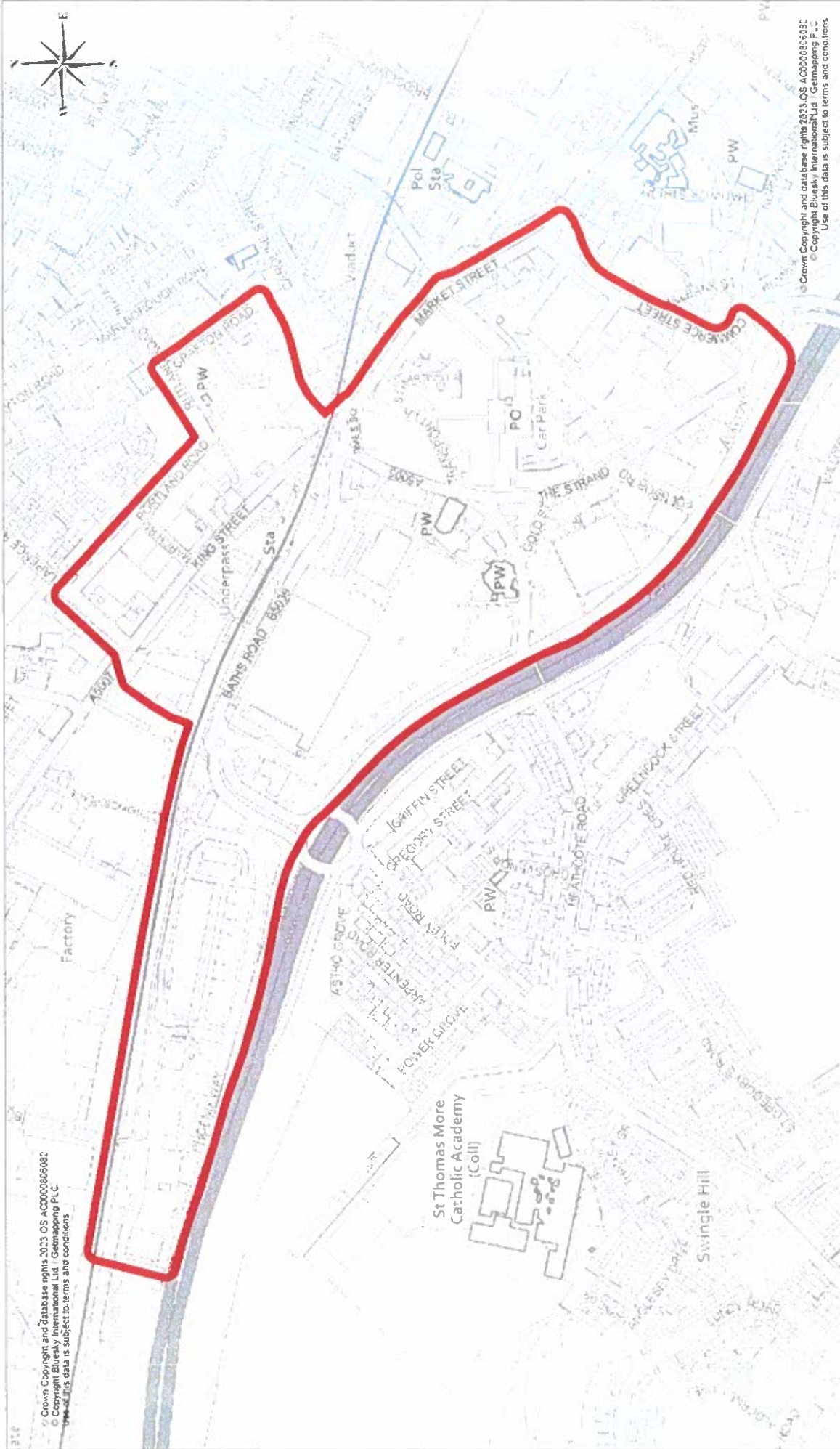
The Corporate Seal of the Council of
The City of Stoke-on-Trent

Is hereunto affixed in the presence of

Authorised Signatory

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Oliver", written over a large, faint rectangular box.

PSPO Longton Area



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