



South Somerset District Council

Anti-social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014

Public Space Protection Order

Begging

South Somerset District Council (the Council) is satisfied that begging in a public place is being carried out within the area to which this Order applies or it is likely that this activity will be carried out and this is having or it is likely to have a detriment effect on the quality of life of those in the locality and it therefore makes this Public Spaces Protection Order ("PSPO") covering the matters as set out below.

This PSPO relates to all that public place outlined in red on the attached map and which is briefly described in the Schedule.

The activities set out in this PSPO are prohibited or required only where an authorised person requires a person to stop the activity or requires that person to do something as set out in this Order.

- An authorised person means a constable, a police community support officer or a person authorised in writing by the Council.
- A public place means any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission.

1) The activities which are prohibited or required by this PSPO are;

- All persons are prohibited from approaching another person, either in person, verbally or through action in a misleading manner in a public place in order to solicit monies from the other person.*
- All persons are prohibited from sitting or loitering in a public place between the hours of 08:00 to 20:00 hrs, being in possession of a receptacle used to obtain monies in a misleading manner. This includes the use of signage, children or animals to solicit monies from members of the public.*

2) Offence of failing to comply with order

It is an offence for a person without reasonable excuse—

- (a) to do anything that the person is prohibited from doing by a public spaces protection order, or
- (b) to fail to comply with a requirement to which the person is subject under a public spaces protection order.

A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

An authorised person may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice under Section 68 of the Act to anyone who he or she believes has committed an offence by not complying with a requirement of this Order. You will have 14 days to pay the fixed penalty of £100. If you pay the fixed penalty within the 14 days you will not be prosecuted.

- 3) This PSPO shall come into effect on **DATE**.
- 4) This PSPO shall have effect for a period of 3 years.

Council Seal

Signature
Name
Title

Schedule

The designated area is the public spaces as outlined on the map in Appendix 1

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Appendix 1: Restricted Area

