ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014
SECTION 59
PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (DOG CONTROL) 2026

Cambridge City Council ("the Council") in exercise of its powers pursuant to Section 59 and 72 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act") hereby makes the following Order:

This Order extends the period for which the Cambridge City Council Public Spaces Protection Order (Dog Control) 2017 has effect.

This Order comes into force on the 18th October 2026 date for a period of 3 years until 17th October 2029.

General provisions:

1. This Order applies to all land within the Council's administrative area, which is open to the air (which includes land that is covered but open to the air on at least one side) and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment).

2. A person who fails to comply with any obligation imposed by this order is guilty of a criminal offence by virtue of section 67(1) of the Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 and liable to a fine on summary conviction not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale; or to be made subject to a fixed penalty notice.

3. The Council is satisfied that the conditions set out in Sections 59 and 72 of 'the Act' have been met: that activities carried on in a public place within the Council's area have had or are likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality; and that the effect, or likely effect, of the activities is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature, is, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable, and justifies the restrictions imposed by this notice.

4. The Council is satisfied that the prohibitions and requirements imposed by this Order are reasonable to impose in order to prevent the detrimental effect of these activities from continuing, occurring or recurring, or to reduce that detrimental effect or to reduce the risk of its continuance, occurrence or recurrence.

Obligations on persons with dogs:

5. Fouling

If a dog defecates at any time on land to which this order applies a person who is in charge of the dog at the time must remove the faeces from the land immediately unless:

- They have reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

6. Leads by order

A person in charge of a dog on land to which this order applies must comply with a direction given to him by an authorised officer of the Council to put and keep the dog on a lead unless:

- They have reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

An authorised officer may only give a direction under this order if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or to a bird or another animal.

7. Leads

A person in charge of a dog on land detailed in Schedule 1 below must keep the dog on a lead at all times unless

- They have reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

8. Exclusion

A person in charge of a dog on land detailed in Schedule 2 below must not take it into or keep it in this land unless

- They have reasonable excuse for doing so; or
- The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

9. Maximum number of dogs

A person in charge of dog(s) must not, at any time, take more than four dogs on land detailed in Schedule 3 unless

- They have reasonable excuse for doing so; or
- The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

10. Seasonal Dogs on Leads

A person in charge of a dog on land detailed in Schedule 4 below must keep the dog on a lead between 1st March and 31st July unless

- They have reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or

- The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

11. Requirement to provide details to an authorised officer

If an authorised officer proposes to give a person a fixed penalty under this Order, the authorised person may require the person to give him his name and address. A person commits an offence if he fails to give his name and address when required to do so.

12. Exemptions

Nothing in this order shall apply to a person who is in charge of:

a. a dog which has been trained to guide a blind person.
b. a dog which has been trained to assist a deaf person.
c. a dog which has been trained by a prescribed charity to assist a disabled person who has a disability that consists of epilepsy or otherwise affects the person's mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination, or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects.
d. a dog of a prescribed category which has been trained to assist a disabled person who has a disability (other than one falling within paragraph (c)) of a prescribed kind.

For the purposes of the Order, a “disability” means a condition that qualifies as a disability for the purposes of the Equality Act 2010 and an “assistance dog” has the meaning given by the Equality Act 2010..

For the purpose of this order:

- A person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.
- Any land which is covered is deemed to be land which is "open to the air" if it is open to the air on at least one side.
- Placing the faeces in a bin or receptacle on the land, which is provided for the purpose, or for the disposal of waste, shall be sufficient removal from the land.
- Being unaware of the defecation (whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise), or not having a device or other suitable means of removing the faeces shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the faeces immediately
- “An authorised officer” means an employee, partnership agency or contractor of Cambridge City Council who is authorised in writing by Cambridge City Council for the purposes of the Order.
- Giving a false or inaccurate name or address in response to a requirement to provide details is an offence.

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Schedule 1

Dogs on leads areas:

- Cemeteries
    - Newmarket Road Cemetery – the whole of the cemetery
    - Histon Road Cemetery – the whole of the cemetery
- Cherry Hinton Hall – *area by pond / stream*
- Hanover and Princess Court – *the green area outside the residential areas*
- Tenby Close – *the whole of the park*
- Nightingale Rec – *Community Garden*

Schedule 2

Dogs shall be excluded from clearly defined enclosed recreational spaces intended for children, young people and organised sport, including but not limited to:

- Play areas and playgrounds;
- Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs);
- Tennis courts and padel courts;
- Artificial sports pitches; and
- Bowling greens.

This restriction shall apply to all existing Council-managed public open spaces containing such facilities and to any future Council-managed public open spaces adopted during the term of the PSPO where equivalent enclosed facilities are provided.

Schedule 3

Maximum number of dogs

- Bryon's Pool Local Nature Reserve
- Coldham's Common sports pitches
- Hobson's Park

Schedule 4

Seasonal dogs on leads from 1st March to 31st July

- Barnwell East Local Nature Reserve (whole site)
- Barnwell West Local Nature Reserve (whole site)
- Bramblefields Local Nature Reserve (whole site)
- Limekiln Local Nature Reserve (whole site)
- Logans Meadow Local Nature Reserve (part of - existing wet woodland and river frontage south of cycle bridge)
- Mill Road Cemetery (whole site)
- Paradise Local Nature Reserve (whole site)
- West Pit Local Nature Reserve (whole site)
- East Pit Local Nature Reserve (whole site)
- Nine Wells Local Nature Reserve (whole site)

- Byron’s Pool Local Nature Reserve (whole site)
- Church End Local Nature Reserve (whole site)
- Fulbourn Road Local Nature Reserve (whole site)