

# STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

## ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014

### PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER 2026

1. This Order shall come into operation on 15 May 2026 and shall have effect for a period of three years from the date hereof unless it is extended pursuant to the statutory powers of Stafford Borough Council ('the Council')
2. This Order applies to the areas within the Stafford Borough Boundary as specified by the red line on the Map attached to this Order and labelled Annex 1. The area included within the red line on the Map labelled Annex 1 is hereby known as the 'Restricted Area'.
3. The Council is satisfied that the conditions set out in Section 59(2) of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ('the Act') have been met, namely that activities carried on in a public place within the Restricted Area have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality.
4. The Council is further satisfied that the conditions set out in Sections 59(3), 64 and 72 of the Act have been satisfied and it is in all the circumstances expedient to make this Order for the purposes of prohibiting Car Cruising in the Restricted Area. The effect or likely effect of this is of a persistent or continuing nature such as to make it unreasonable, and justifies the restrictions imposed in this Order.
5. The Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act"), hereby makes the following Order: -

### ORDER

6. The effect of this Order is to impose the following prohibited activities in the Restricted Area, at all times: -
7. To participate in 'Car Cruising' anywhere in the proposed location (as shown in Annex 1) within Stafford Borough Council area.
8. Participating in 'Car Cruising' means being the registered keeper or driver of, or being carried in or on a motor vehicle, when two or more vehicles (including motorbikes) being on a highway, or a publicly accessible place, at which any such vehicle, or occupant of a vehicle, performs any of the activities listed in the Schedule below.
9. **SCHEDULE:** The prohibited activities referred to in Clause 7 are:
  - (a) Causing a danger to other road users including pedestrians or causing a significant risk of damage to property by either speeding or racing.

- (b) Driving in convoy while car cruising.
- (c) Performing stunts while car cruising (this includes but not limited to, drifting, skidding, handbrake turns, wheel spinning, donuts and wheelies).
- (d) Repeatedly sounding horns (as to cause a significant public nuisance).
- (e) Playing music excessively loud (as to cause a significant public nuisance).
- (f) Using foul or abusive language.
- (g) Using threatening, intimidating behaviour towards another person.
- (h) Speeding or racing.
- (i) Causing an obstruction on a public highway, or a publicly accessible place, whether moving or stationary.
- (j) To promote, organise or publicise, via email, the internet, Facebook, Twitter or similar social media, or any publication or broadcast any 'car cruising' within the defined geographical area.
- (k) Attending any meeting of two or more vehicles in a public space either as a vehicle owner, driver, passenger or spectator and engaging in any activity that a reasonable person would consider to be 'car cruising'

## **OFFENCES AND PENALTY**

- 10. It is an offence for any person, without reasonable excuse, to engage in any activity which is prohibited by this Order.
- 11. A person commits an offence if they fail to give their name and address when required to do so by an Authorised Officer of the Council or gives a false or inaccurate name or address when an Authorised Officer of the Council proposes to give a person a Fixed Penalty Notice for engaging in any activity which is prohibited by this Order.
- 12. Any person who is found to be in breach of this Order shall be liable on summary conviction to a maximum penalty of Level 3 on the Standard Scale, or if in receipt of a Fixed Penalty Notice, to a financial penalty of up to £100.00.
- 13. Payment of a Fixed Penalty Notice within the prescribed time period as specified in the Notice will discharge any liability to conviction for the offence

## **APPEALS**

- 14. As specified under Section 66 of the Act, an interested person who wishes to challenge the validity of this Order on the grounds that the Council did not have the power to make Order or that a requirement under the Act has not been

complied with may apply to the High Court within six weeks from the date upon which the Order is made.

## DEFINTIONS

15. This Order can be cited as the Public Space Protection Order (Car Cruising).
16. An 'Authorised Officer of the Council' for the purposes of this Order means an employee of Stafford Brough Council, a Police Officer or Police Community Support Officer, or any other person who is authorised in writing by the Council for the purposes of giving directions under this Order.
17. An interested party means an individual who lives or regularly works in the Restricted Area.
18. Restricted Area is the area marked as the red line in Annex 1 and is the area to which this Order applies.

DATED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL 20 26

The Common Seal of the  
STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
was hereunto affixed in the presence of:-



Authorised Officer



**ANNEX 1**

The Red line marks the A34 both the north and southbound carriageways

