

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public Spaces Protection Order – (Mansfield District Council) 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Mansfield District Council in exercise of its power under Anti-Social Behaviour Crime Policing Act 2014 proposes to make a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to replace the current Dog Control Orders, Designated Public Protection Orders, and Gating Orders. The PSPO will also introduce powers to disperse in the Town Centre and Nottingham Road Leisure Park, prevent access over a public highway at Alfred Court, prohibit urination, defecation and spitting in any public place, introduce a duty that any person walking a dog but have the means to pick up the dog faeces and to prohibit smoking in children's play areas.

Any person who fails without reasonable excuse to comply with an Authorised Officer, PCSO or constable's request under this provision may commit an offence and be liable to prosecution.

We hereby invite representations on our proposals to make the following offences under the Order.

Prohibition of alcohol consumption

Any person who, without reasonable excuse, continues consuming alcohol in the Designated Area when asked not to consume alcohol by a constable or an Authorised Officer commits an offence.

Any person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to surrender any alcohol in his possession when asked to do so by a constable or an authorised person in the Designated Area, commits an offence

The Designated Area is the land contained within the proposed order and the associated plans.

Urinating

No person shall urinate, defecate or spit within a public place within the administrative area of Mansfield District Council.

Any person who without reasonable excuse fails to comply with this prohibition commits an offence.

Dog fouling

It will be an offence for any person in charge of a dog, which defecates on land specified with the Order, to fail to remove the faeces forthwith, unless he can show a reasonable excuse for failing to do so or the owner/occupier of the land has consented to his failing to do so.

It will be an offence to fail to produce when requested a receptacle for picking up dog faeces

The offence does not apply to a person who is registered as a blind person, or to a person who is deaf in respect of a dog trained by Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and upon which he relies for assistance, or to a person who has a disability which affects their mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which they rely for assistance.

Dog exclusion

It will be an offence for any person in charge of a dog to take the dog onto, or permit the dog to enter, or to remain on land in a dog exclusion zone unless he can show a reasonable excuse for doing so or the owner/occupier of the land has consented to his doing so.

This article will apply to children's play areas and sport arenas play within the district listed on the proposed order and shown on the associated plans.

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Dogs on lead by direction

It will be an offence for any person in charge of a dog to fail to put and keep the dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer of the council unless he can show a reasonable excuse for failing to do so or the owner/occupier of the land has consented to his failing to do so.

This article will apply to all land within the administrative district of Mansfield District Council.

Dispersal

Any person shall be dispersed from the Designated Area by a constable or an authorised officer if that officer has reason to believe that those persons are causing or likely to cause nuisance, alarm, harassment or distress to any other person.

Any person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to leave the Designated Area when asked by a constable or an Authorised Officer commits an offence.

This article will apply to the Town Centre (incorporating commercial Gate and Titchfield Park) and Nottingham Road Leisure Park.

Smoking in play areas

It will be an offence for any person to smoke tobacco, tobacco related product, smokeless tobacco product including electronic cigarettes, herbal cigarettes or any illegal substance, within the boundary of the children's play areas as listed within the proposed order.

Restricting access

Access has been restricted at specific locations in the Manor Estate, Mansfield Woodhouse, at the Clerks Alley in Mansfield Town Centre at Alfred Court, Mansfield Town Centre.

The affect highways are contained within the proposed order and the associated plans.

Fixed penalty notices

Mansfield District Council intends to issue fixed penalty notices to enforce the proposed order, the fine will be £100 and failure to pay may lead to summary conviction and a fine not exceeding level 3 on the Standard Scale.

CONSULTATION

Copies of the proposed orders and plans are available for inspection free of charge throughout the consultation period at available during normal opening hours at

- The Civic Centre, Chesterfield Road South, Mansfield, Notts. NG19 7BH
- Mansfield Library, Westgate, Mansfield, NG18 1NH

This information can also be viewed on the council website by going to www.mansfield.gov.uk

Representations on the proposed Public Space Protection Order should be made to Mansfield District Council by **12 midnight on the 19th October 2015** either by writing to:

Community Protection (Public Consultation)

Mansfield District Council

Civic Centre

Chesterfield Road South

Mansfield

NG19 6BH

or by e-mail addressed to PSPO@mansfield.gov.uk.

Representations received after 12 midnight on the 19th October 2015 cannot be accepted.