

Section 59 Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014
Public Spaces Protection Order (Three Rivers District Council) 2025
(hereafter referred to as PSPO 1 of 2025)

Three Rivers District Council (in this order called “the Authority”) hereby makes the following Public Spaces Protection Order:

This Order comes into force on 1st April 2025 for a period of 3 years.

PRELIMINARY

The Authority, in making this Order is satisfied on reasonable grounds:

- a) That the following activities in relation to dogs have been carried out in public places within the Authority’s area and have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality:
 - i. Dog fouling where those in charge of the dog(s) do not remove the faeces from the land
 - ii. Loose dogs causing nuisance, annoyance or disturbance to the public by their behaviour
 - iii. Loose dogs in the area around the Café in the Aquadrome in Rickmansworth causing nuisance, annoyance or disturbance to the public
 - iv. Dogs in children’s play areas, outdoor gyms, skate areas, courts and fenced picnic areas causing nuisance, annoyance or disturbance to the public in those areas
 - v. Dogs being in grazing areas where animals are present
 - vi. One person being in charge of too many dogs at one time without having proper control of the dogs which then cause nuisance, annoyance or disturbance to the public

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 the notice.

b) 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.

c) That it has had regard to the rights and freedoms set out in the European Convention on Human Rights as defined in s.21 (1) of the Human Rights Act 1998, and in particular, to those rights set out in Article 10 (right of freedom of expression) and Article 11 (right of freedom of assembly) and has concluded that the restrictions on such rights and freedoms imposed by this Order are lawful, necessary and proportionate.

General Provisions:

1. This order applies to all land in the administrative area of the Authority to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as or right by virtue of express or implied permission.
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. The full text of s.67 is set out below.

Obligations on persons with dogs:**1. Fouling:**

If a dog defecates at any time on any 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 forthwith unless:

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

Failing to comply with this order is an offence.

2. 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 Authority, a Police Officer or a Police Community Support Officer to put and keep the dog on a lead unless

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

Failing to comply with such a direction is an offence.

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

Leads are defined below. If a person puts a dog on a lead but fails to keep hold of the lead or affix it to something suitable so that the dog remains under his close control he will commit an offence.

3. Leads:

A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time he does not keep the dog on a lead, in the area directly surrounding **The Café in The Park, The Aquadrome, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire** unless:

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

The area referred to is the seating area at the rear of the café and the grassed area at the front of the café adjacent to the toilet block and cycle racks and is detailed in **Schedule 1** below.

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4. Exclusion

A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, he takes the dog onto, or permits the dog to enter or to remain on, any land which is a children's play area, outdoor gym, court, skate area or fenced off picnic area detailed in **Schedule 2** below unless:

- (a) he has reasonable excuse for doing so or
- (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his doing so.

This order also applies to all areas designated as a play area, gym, court, skate area or fenced off picnic area by Three Rivers District Council after 1st April 2016.

5. Exclusion

A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, he takes the dog onto, or permits the dog to enter or to remain on, any land used for the grazing of animals on Chorleywood House Grounds between 1st June and 30th September inclusive unless:

- (a) he has reasonable excuse for doing so or
- (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his doing so.

The land is detailed in **Schedule 3** below

6. Restrict Number of Dogs Walked by One Person

A person shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, within the administrative area of the Authority he is in charge of more than 4 dogs unless

- a) he has reasonable excuse for doing so or
- (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his doing so

7. Exemptions

Nothing in this order shall apply to a person who –

- (a) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948
- (b) is deaf, in respect of a dog trained by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity number 293358) and upon which he relies for assistance
- (c) Has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on the ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities, in respect of a dog trained by any current or future members of Assistance Dogs UK or any other charity registered in the UK with a purpose of training assistance dogs and upon which he relies for assistance.

8. 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 the time of the offence, some other person is in charge of the dog;
- Placing the faeces in a 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 for or other suitable means of removing the faeces shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the faeces
- A 'lead' is defined as any rope, cord, leash or similar item which is no more than two metres in length and which used to tether, control or restrain a dog, but does not include any such item which is not actively being used as a means of restraint so that the dog remains under a person's control. An extendable lead must not be extended beyond two metres.
- "an authorised officer of the Authority" means an employee, partnership agency or contractor of Three Rivers District Council who is authorised in writing by Three Rivers District Council for the purposes of giving directions under the Order.

9. Penalty:

A person who is guilty of an offence under this Order shall be liable to a £100.00 Fixed Penalty Notice, or upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 (£1000) on the standard scale.

10. Offences

Section 67 Offence of failing to comply with order

(1) 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

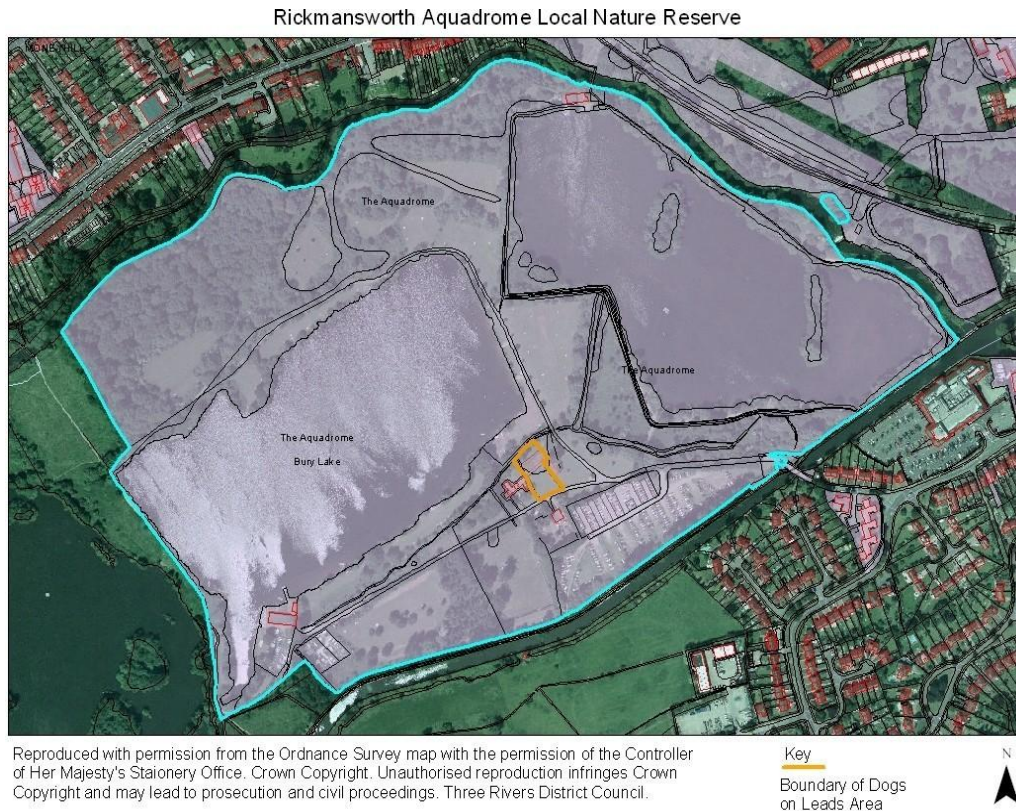
(b) to fail to comply with a requirement to which the person is subject under a public spaces protection order.

(2) 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.

(3) A person does not commit an offence under this section by failing to comply with a prohibition or requirement that the local authority did not have power to include in the public spaces protection order.

SCHEDULE 1

Dogs must be kept on a lead in the area surrounding the Café in the Park in The Aquadrome, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire. The area is shown edged in yellow on the map below.



The area in question is marked at the site by signs.

SCHEDULE 2

Dogs are excluded from all children's play areas, outdoor gyms, courts, skate areas and all fenced off picnic areas throughout the District. This order also applies to all areas designated as a play area, outdoor gym, court, skate area or fenced picnic area by Three Rivers District Council after 1st April 2016

Children's Play Areas, Outdoor Gyms, Skate Areas, Courts and Fenced Picnic Areas:

Play Areas

No.	Name of Site	Street	Location	Postcode (nearest)
1	Gade View Gardens	Gade View Gardens	Abbots Langley	WD4 8PH
2	Manor House Grounds - Junior	Gallows Hill Lane	Abbots Langley	WD5 0BX
3	Manor House Grounds - Infants	Gallows Hill Lane	Abbots Langley	WD5 0BX
4	Bedmond Playing Fields	Tom's Lane	Abbots Langley	WD5 0RB
5	Love Lane	Love Lane	Abbots Langley	WD5 0QA
6	South Way	South Way	Abbots Langley	WD5 0JL
8	Tanners Wood Lane Swings	Tanners Wood Lane	Abbots Langley	WD5 0LG
9	Langley Lane Play Area (NEAP)	Langley Lane	Abbots Langley	WD5 0
10	Abbotswood Park Play Area	South Way	Abbots Langley	WD5 0
7	Langleybury, Hunton Bridge	Corner of Watford Road and Langleybury Lane	Hunton Bridge	WD4 8QQ
11	Greenfield Avenue	Greenfield Avenue	Carpenders Park	WD19 5DN
12	Oulton Way	Oulton Way	Carpenders Park	WD19 5EJ
13	The Swillett	Heronsgate Road	Chorleywood	WD3 5BS
14	Baldwins Lane play area	Baldwins Lane	Croxley Green	WD3 3LE
15	Barton Way play area	Barton Way	Croxley Green	WD3 3PB
16	Cassio Bridge Recreation Ground	Watford Road	Croxley Green	WD3 3DG
17	Woodland Chase	Woodland Chase	Croxley Green	WD3 3
18	Durrants	Appleby Drive	Croxley Green	WD3 3
19	Eastbury Play Area	Batchworth Lane	Eastbury	HA6 3HU
20	Ovaltine x 2	Station Road	Kings Langley	WD4 8GX
21	Primrose Hill	Primrose Hill	Kings Langley	WD4 8
22	Huntonbury Village - Dowding Way	Dowding Way	Leavesden	WD25 7GA
23	Leavesden Country Park North play area	College Road	Leavesden	WD5 0GN
24	Robins Place Play Area	Robins Place	Leavesden	WD25 7SN
25	Lemonfield Drive	Lemonfield Drive	Leavesden	WD25 9TR
26	Boundary Way - WCHT	Boundary Way	Leavesden	WD25 7SU
27	Denham Way Playing Fields	Denham Way	Maple Cross	WD3 9SW
28	Beechen Wood Play Area off Longcroft Road	Longcroft Road	Maple Cross	WD3 9TJ
29	Hornhill Play Area	Hornhill Road	Maple Cross	WD3 9TE
30	King George V Playing Fields	Shepherds Lane	Mill End	WD3 8JN
31	Mead Place - Boulder	Mead Place	Mill End	WD3 7HB

32	Fearney Mead Play Area	Fearney Mead	Mill End	WD3 8QF
33	Mead Place North and South	Mead Place	Mill End	WD3 7HB
34	Oaklands Avenue	Oaklands Avenue	Oxhey Hall	WD19 4LW
35	Ebury Play Area, Riverside Drive	Riverside Drive	Rickmansworth	WD3 7DA
36	Skidmore Way	Skidmore Way	Rickmansworth	WD3 1TA
37	Scotsbridge Playing Fields	Scots Hill / Park Road	Rickmansworth	WD3 1AT
38	King George V Playing Fields	George V Way	Sarratt	WD3 6
39	Chilwell Gardens/Altham Gardens	Altham Gardens	South Oxhey	WD19 6HJ
40	Lytham Avenue	Lytham Avenue	South Oxhey	WD19 6XA
41	Ashburnham Drive, Oxhey Playing Fields	Ashburnham Drive	South Oxhey	WD19 7PU
42	Bramshott Way - Play Ranger Unit, Oxhey Playing Fields	Bramshott Way	South Oxhey	WD19 7PU
43	Hayling Road, Oxhey Playing Fields	Hayling Road	South Oxhey	WD19 7UY
44	Ferndown Road/Ballatter Close	Ferndown Road	South Oxhey	WD19 6HX
45	Green Lane, Oxhey Playing Fields	Green Lane	South Oxhey	WD19 4LT
46	Prestwick Road North Play Area	Prestwick Road	South Oxhey	WD19 6UU
47	Lincoln Drive	Lincoln Drive	South Oxhey	WD19 7GE
48	Moortown Road	Moortown Road	South Oxhey	WD19 6JH
49	Ann Shaw Garden	Henbury Way	South Oxhey	WD19 7SG
50	Ashridge Play Area	Prestwick Road	South Oxhey	WD19 6UU

Outdoor Gyms

No.	Name of Site	Street	Location	Postcode (nearest)
1	Barton Way Playing Fields - Gym	Barton Way	Croxley Green	WD3 3PB
2	Ebury Play Area - Gym	Riverside Drive	Rickmansworth	WD3 7DA
3	Hayling Road - Street Gym, Oxhey Playing Fields	Hayling Road	South Oxhey	WD19 7UY
4	West Hyde Street Gym	Old Uxbridge Road	West Hyde	
5	South Way Outdoor Gym	South Way	Abbots Langley	WD5 0JL
6	Leavesden Country Park Outdoor Gym	College Lane	Abbots Langley	WD5 0GN

Skate Areas

No.	Name of Site	Street	Location	Postcode (nearest)
1	Manor House Skate Area	Gallows Hill Lane	Abbots Langley	WD5 0BX
2	Romilly Drive Skate Area	Romilly Drive	Carpenders Park	WD19 5EJ
3	Baldwins Lane Skate Park	Baldwins Lane	Croxley Green	WD3 3LE
4	King George V Playing Fields - Skate Area	Shepherds Lane	Mill End	WD3 8JN
5	Scotsbridge Playing Fields - Skate Area	Scots Hill / Park Road	Rickmansworth	WD3 1AT
6	Green Lane, Oxhey Playing Fields - Skate Area	Green Lane	South Oxhey	WD19 4LT

Courts

No.	Name of Site	Street	Location	Postcode (nearest)
1	Manor House Grounds - Tennis Courts and MUGA	Gallows Hill Lane	Abbots Langley	WD5 0BX
2	Manor House Grounds - Skate Area	Gallows Hill Lane	Abbots Langley	WD5 0BX
3	Love Lane MUGA	Love Lane	Abbots Langley	WD5 0QA
4	Chorleywood House Grounds Tennis courts	Rickmansworth Road	Chorleywood	

5	Baldwins Lane Playing Fields Tennis courts	Baldwins Lane	Croxley Green	WD3 3LE
6	Barton Way MUGA	Barton Way	Croxley Green	WD3 3PB
7	Durrants Tennis Courts	Appleby Drive	Croxley Green	
8	Baldwins Lane Parkour Area	Baldwins Lane	Croxley Green	WD3 3LE
9	Eastbury Tennis courts	Batchworth Lane	Eastbury	HA6 3HU
10	Leavesden Country Park North Tennis courts / MUGA	College Lane	Leavesden	WD5 0GN
11	Denham Way Playing Fields Tennis courts	Denham Way	Maple Cross	WD3 9SW
12	King George V Playing Fields - Parkour Area	Shepherds Lane	Mill End	WD3 8JN
13	King George V Playing Fields - MUGA	Shepherds Lane	Mill End	WD3 8JN
14	Scotsbridge Playing Fields Tennis courts	Park Road	Rickmansworth	WD3 1AT
15	Scotsbridge Playing Fields - MUGA	Park Road	Rickmansworth	WD3 1AT
16	King George V Playing Fields Tennis Courts	George V Way	Sarratt	WD3 6
17	Green Lane, Oxhey Playing Fields Tennis courts	Green Lane	South Oxhey	WD19 4LT
18	Green Lane, Oxhey Playing Fields - MUGA	Green Lane	South Oxhey	WD19 4LT

Fenced Picnic Areas

No.	Name of Site	Street	Location	Postcode (nearest)
1	Aquadrome Local Nature Reserve	Frogmoor Lane	Rickmansworth	WD3 1NB

SCHEDULE 3

Dogs are excluded from the land areas used for the grazing of animals on Chorleywood House Grounds outlined in orange on the map below **between 1st June and 30th September inclusive.**

