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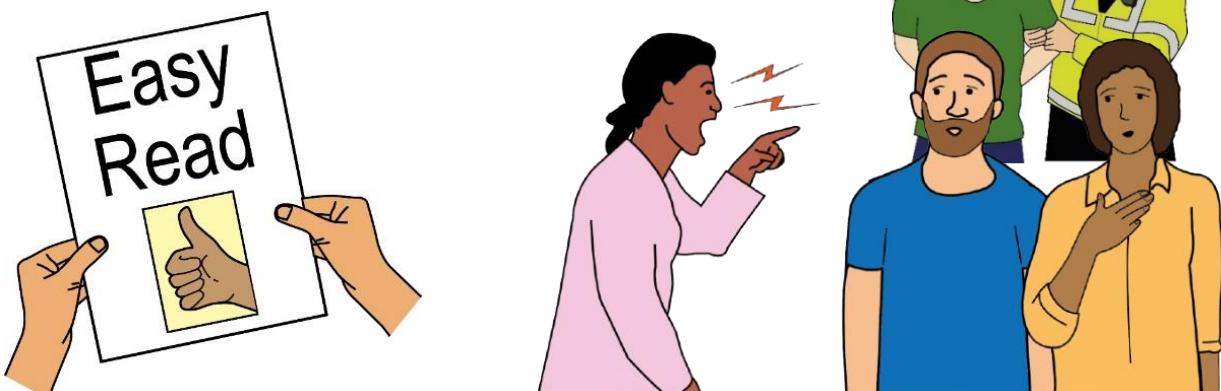


Public Spaces Protection Order

(known as the 'Order')

**London Borough Of Hammersmith & Fulham
Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014**
(this is an Act of law)

Anti-social means doing things that are against the good and peace of society.



About this Order



This order is to help keep public areas safe and enjoyable for everyone. It explains what behaviour is not allowed in public places in Hammersmith & Fulham.



The Council believes the problems listed below:

- have made life worse for people living or visiting the area, and
- if they continue they will make their lives worse

This Order is to try to stop this bad behaviour to protect public spaces so everyone can feel safe and peaceful.



This Order is made using this law:
Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

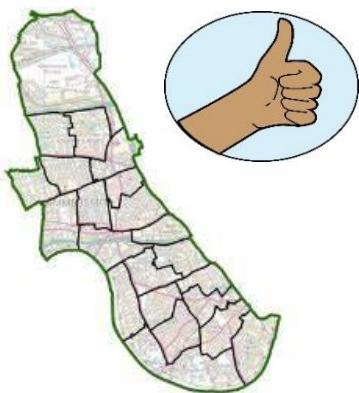
1. When the Order starts and ends



This Order starts on [insert date] and ends on [insert date].

It will last up to 3 years and we will change it or continue it for a longer time if needed.

2. Which areas the Order applies to



This Order covers all spaces where the public can go in the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham.

3. Rules in this Order

a) Covering your face to hide who you are



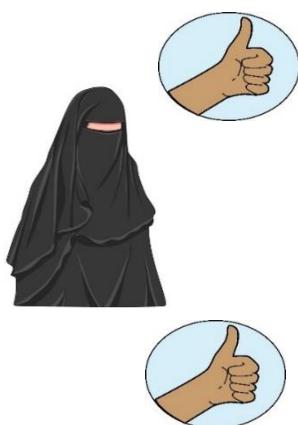
You must not cover your face to hide your identity to scare or upset other people.

This includes wearing:



- scarves, balaclavas, masks, or anything that hides your face.
- a motorcycle helmet when not on a motorbike, if you are trying to hide who you are.

This rule does not apply if:



- You cover your face for religious, faith or cultural reasons.
- You cover your face for medical reasons.



- The law says you must wear a face covering (for example, during a pandemic like Covid-19).

b) Professional begging



No one is allowed to beg in a professional way - that means in an organised or regular way.

Examples of this are:

- Begging in groups with people you know.
- Going to the same place to beg again and again.
- When the person begging does not need the money.



c) Aggressive or persistent begging

This means you must not beg in a way that frightens or pressures people for money or gifts.



Examples of this are:

- Asking again and again, even when someone has said no.
- Following or approaching people after they have said no.
- Lying or giving false (not true) information to make people give money, food or other things.



d) Groups gathering and behaving anti-socially

You must not gather in a group if it causes problems for others.

Rules:

- You cannot stay in a group of 2 or more people if the group is causing fear or distress to other people.
- If an authorised officer asks you to leave because of anti-social behaviour, you must leave the area.
- You must not return within 24 hours.



Penalty (a fine if you break the rules)



If you do not follow this Order without a good reason, you are breaking the law. A court can make you pay up to £1,000 as a fine.



Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN)

Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers, Law Enforcement Officers or other authorised staff can give you a Fixed Penalty Notice if you break the rules.

That means they can fine you immediately.



If they do fine you, you will have:

- 14 days to pay a fine of £100, or
- £60 if you pay within 7 days.

If you do not pay, you might have to go to court.



Appeals (asking to review or change a decision)

If you think this Order is wrong, you can challenge it in the High Court.



Who can appeal:

- People who live in, work in or visit the area regularly.

When you can appeal:

- You must appeal within 6 weeks of the date of the Order.

You can appeal for either of these 2 reasons, or both:

- You believe the Council did not have the right to make the Order, or to include specific rules
- The Council did not follow the proper steps in law to make the Order (for example, there was no consultation with the public).

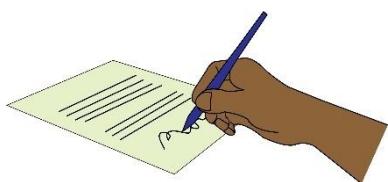


Then, the High Court could:

- stop the Order while it looks at the case.
- decide to keep, change, or cancel the Order.

When the Order is signed

This section will be filled in with the Council's legal seal stamp and signatures when the Order is approved.



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