

FENLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL
FENLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL (GATING PSPO) Wisbech.
PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER 2026

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

1. This Order shall come into operation on the 18th of January 2026 and shall have effect for a period of 3 years from that date.
2. This Order relates to the areas as shown *hatched in red on the attached Plans in Schedules 1a and 1b* (the 'Restricted Area'); and applies to all that said land which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment). For the purposes of this paragraph, any land which is covered is to be treated as land which is "open to the air" if it is open to the air on at least one side.
3. The effect of this Order is to impose the following prohibitions and requirements on the Restricted Area as specified as follows:

- In the Restricted Area shown in Schedule 1a and Schedule 1b:**
Unless an employee of Fenland District Council or a member of the emergency services, in either case acting within their capacity, no person is to access or attempt to access the Restricted Area or to tamper or attempt to tamper with the gates at either end of the Restricted Area

4. It is an offence for a person without reasonable excuse to do anything prohibited by this Order, or to fail to comply with a prohibition or requirement to which a person is subject to pursuant to this Order.
5. A person found to be in breach of this Order is liable upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (currently £1000.00); or to be made subject to a FPN
6. A Constable or an 'Authorised Person' may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) to anyone he or she has reason to believe has committed an offence under this Order.
7. An 'Authorised Person' means any person authorised in writing for the purposes of this Order by Fenland District Council (the Council).
A Constable means a Police Constable in whatever capacity including a Community Support Officer.
8. "The Council makes this Order being satisfied on reasonable grounds that the two conditions below have been met, in that without these controls the activities carried on or likely to be carried on in the Restricted Area:

- (a) will have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality.
- (b) that the effect, or likely effect of the activities described above, 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 Order

The Council believe that it is reasonable to impose the above prohibitions and requirements in order to prevent the detrimental effect from continuing, occurring or recurring, and to reduce that detrimental effect or to reduce the risk of its continuance, occurrence or recurrence

The Council has had particular regard to the rights of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly set out in articles 10 and 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

10. Any interested person (an individual who lives or regularly visits or works in the restricted area) who desires to question the validity of this Order on the grounds that the Council had no power to make it or that any requirement of the Act has not been complied with in relation to this Order, may apply to the High Court within six weeks from the date upon which this Order is made.

When an application is made, the High Court can decide to suspend the operation of the Order pending the Court's decision in part or in totality. The High Court has the ability to uphold the Order, quash it or vary it.

Date

Sealed as Deed on behalf of)
Fenland District Council the)
Common Seal being affixed in the)
presence of and signed by:)


Authorised Signatory



SCHEDULE 1A



SCHEDULE 1B

