

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF BOLTON
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014, SECTION 60
BOROUGH COUNCIL OF BOLTON (BOLTON TOWN CENTRE) PUBLIC SPACES
PROTECTION ORDER 2025

This Order is made by the Borough Council of Bolton ("the Council") in exercise of its powers under Section 60 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act").

The Council is satisfied on reasonable grounds that extending the period for which the order has effect is necessary to prevent occurrence or recurrence after that time of the activities identified in the order, or an increase in the frequency or seriousness of those activities after that time.

The Council hereby makes the following Public Spaces Protection Order which applies to any place to which the public have access within Bolton Town Centre as shown edged in blue on the attached plan ("Prohibition Area"). This Order may be cited as the Borough Council of Bolton (Bolton Town Centre) Public Spaces Protection Order 2025 ("the Order").

1. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

The activities which are prohibited at all times by this Order are:

1.1 Consumption of alcohol on street

All persons are prohibited from, within the prohibition area, consuming alcohol or having an open alcohol container within the Prohibition Area after having been requested by an Authorised Officer to cease consumption or hand over the container, unless subject to exemptions listed in clause 5.

1.2 Intoxicating Substances

All persons are prohibited from, within the prohibition area, ingesting, inhaling, injecting, smoking or otherwise using intoxicating substances within the Prohibition Area.

1.3 Anti-social Behaviour

All persons are prohibited from behaving in a way which causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to a member or members of the public within the Prohibition Area.

1.4 Begging on the street

All persons are prohibited from placing themselves in a position to beg or solicit money in a manner which causes, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress within the Prohibition Area.

1.5 Peddling / street trading

All persons are prohibited from peddling / trading goods within the Prohibition Area without an appropriate street trading licence issued by the Council.

1.6 Soliciting for money in the street (commercial)

All persons are prohibited from engaging in or knowingly causing or permitting the collection or soliciting of money (whether by way of immediate payment or the seeking of a standing order or direct debit authority) within the Prohibition Area unless they are in possession of a written authorisation from the Council.

1.7 Soliciting for money in the street (charity)

All persons are prohibited from engaging in or knowingly causing or permitting the collection or soliciting of money (whether by way of immediate payment, seeking of a standing order or direct debit authority, or the selling of goods for a charitable purpose) within the Prohibition Area unless they are in possession of a written authorisation from the Council. Appropriate permissions to carry out cash collections in the Prohibition Area should be obtained from the Council in advance.

1.8 Use of amplifiers

All persons are prohibited from using a loudspeaker or amplification by electronic means on the public highway, within the Prohibition Area unless they are in possession of written authorisation from the Council.

1.9 Use of bicycles, skateboards and scooters

All persons are prohibited from cycling / riding a bicycle, skateboard, scooter or similar wheeled conveyance in such a manner that causes, or is likely to cause, nuisance, alarm or distress or damage to property.

2. DEFINITIONS

In this order:

- 2.1 "Authorised Officer" means a Police Constable, a Police Community Support Officer or an Officer of Bolton Council in possession of an authority to enforce this Order.
- 2.2 "Intoxicating substances" means substances with the capacity to stimulate or depress the central nervous system.
- 2.3 "Alcohol" has the meaning given by section 191 of the Licensing Act 2003.

- 2.4 "Scooter" means "conveyance consisting of a footboard mounted on two wheels and a long steering handle, propelled by resting one foot on the footboard and pushing the other against the ground" or any other variation of the same designed or adapted for similar purpose, whether having a handle or otherwise.

3. PERIOD FOR WHICH THE ORDER HAS EFFECT

- 3.1 This order shall come into force on 19th February 2025 and shall remain in place for a period of three years, unless extended by further orders under the Council's statutory powers.

4. WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER?

- 4.1 It is an offence under the Act for a person without reasonable excuse to engage in activity that is prohibited by this order.
- 4.2 In accordance with section 63 of the Act, a person found to be in breach of this order by consuming alcohol or by refusing to surrender alcohol to an Authorised Person is liable on summary conviction to a maximum penalty of a level 2 fine or to a Fixed Penalty Notice (£100).
- 4.3 In accordance with section 67 of the Act, a person found to be in breach of this order other than by consuming alcohol or by refusing to surrender alcohol to an Authorised Person is liable on summary conviction to a maximum penalty of a level 3 fine or to a Fixed Penalty Notice (£100).
- 4.4 Depending on the behaviour in question, the enforcing officer could decide that a fixed penalty notice would be the most appropriate sanction. This can be issued by an Authorised officer. In making the decision to issue a fixed penalty notice, the Authorised Officer should consider that if issued, payment would discharge any liability to conviction for the offence. However, if payment is not made within the required timescale, court proceedings can be initiated (prosecution for the offence of failing to comply with the Order).

5. EXEMPTIONS

- 5.1 Exemptions shall apply in cases where the Intoxicating Substances are used for a valid and demonstrable medicinal use, given to an animal as a medicinal remedy, are cigarettes (tobacco) or vaporisers or are food stuffs regulated by food health and safety legislation.

5.2 For the avoidance of doubt, an exemption shall apply if the consumption of alcohol is on premises or public spaces licensed under the Licensing Act 2003, or where the consumption of alcohol is authorised by virtue of section 115E of the Highways Act 1980.

6. PROHIBITION AREA

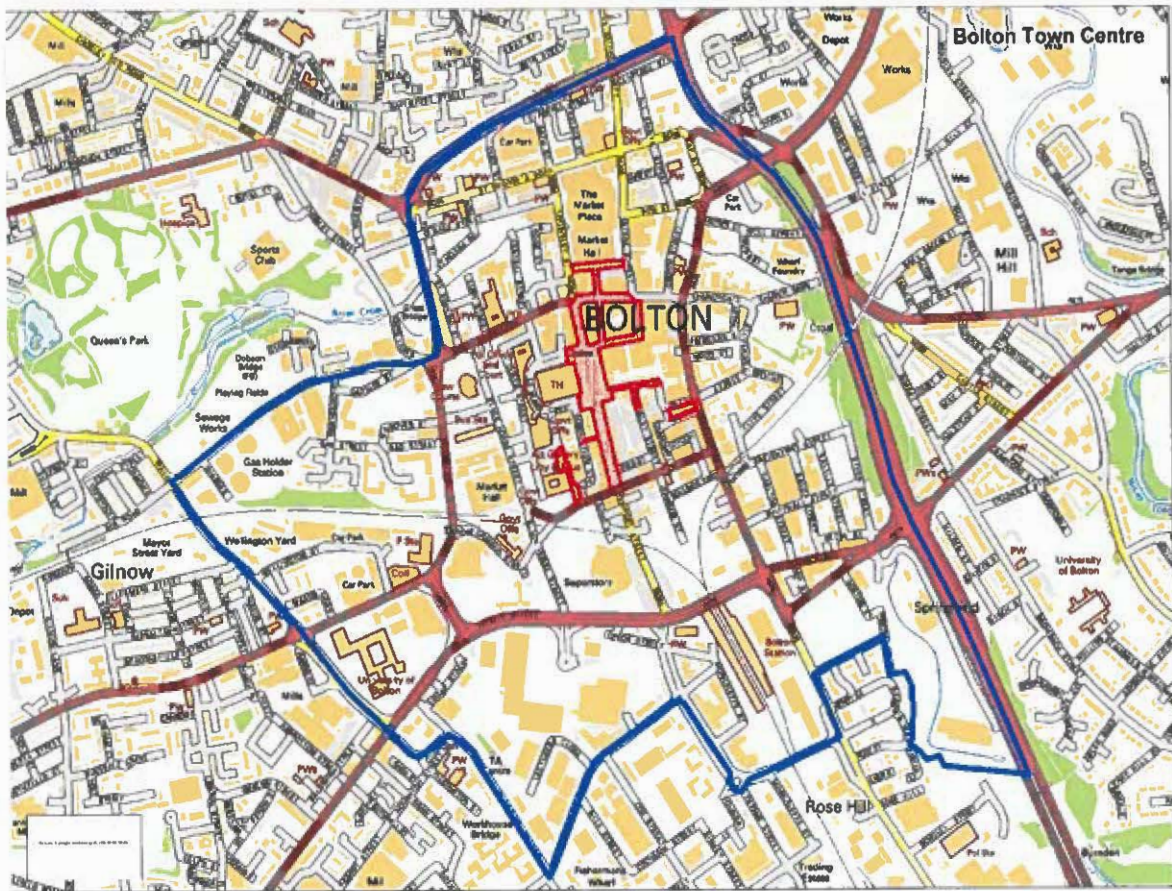
6.1 Plan 1 highlights the boundary of the Prohibition Area edged in blue, covering all prohibitions under this order.

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AUTHORISED SEALING OFFICER



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Plan 1

