Gravesham Borough Council

Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 s.59

Public Spaces Protection Order – Nuisance Vehicles

1. Notice is hereby given that Gravesham Borough Council ('the Council') hereby makes the following Public Spaces Protection Order under Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ('the Act'). The Council has complied with the statutory requirements of Section 72 of the Act and undertaken the necessary consultation.

2. The Order may be cited as the Gravesham Public Spaces Protection Order 2026 – Nuisance Vehicles – Gravesham.

3. The Order takes effect on 1st July 2026 and will remain in force for three years thereafter.

4. The Order applies to the Borough of Gravesham as described in Schedule 1 ('the Restricted Area') and as shown edged in blue on the attached plan ('the Order Map').

5. The effect of the Order is to prohibit and/or restrict the activities listed in this Order and to impose specific positive requirements.

6. A Police Officer, Police Community Support Officer or authorised Council Officer are 'Authorised Officers' and have the power to require persons to cease forthwith any of the prohibited actions.

7. The Council is satisfied that the activities listed in this Order have been carried out within the Restricted Area and that they have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality. The effect of the activities is of a persistent or continuing nature and is such as to make the activities unreasonable and justifies the prohibitions and requirements imposed by this Order.

Prohibitions

8. No person shall carry out, assist or encourage any of the activities specified below in or on any motorised vehicles, bicycles or any other applicable modes of transport powered by any means, including self-propelled, in the Restricted Area (unless otherwise specified):

   a) Unnecessary revving of engine/s and/or use of horns;
   b) Unnecessary and/or repeated rapid acceleration and/or deceleration;

c) Racing;

d) Performing stunts including but not limited to, dough-nutting, handbrake turns, J-turns, drifting, wheel spinning/burnouts and wheelies;

e) Playing of amplified sound (e.g. music) in or powered from a vehicle which causes or is likely to cause a nuisance to others;

f) Without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, wilfully causing an obstruction on the public highway, whether moving or stationary, including driving in a convoy;

g) Using any vehicle on land other than the road e.g. parks, open spaces, woods, without the landowner's permission or in any way which causes or is likely to cause a nuisance or risk to others;

h) Riding of E-scooters or other vehicles/modes of transport (powered by any means) not permitted to do so on pavements, footpaths or in cycle lanes, alleyways or pedestrianised zones;

i) Using bicycles (or any other applicable modes of transport powered by any means, including self-propelled) in pedestrianised zones or otherwise in any manner which may impede the flow of traffic on the highway and/or pose a risk to the public.

Breach of this PSPO

9. A person commits an offence if:

i. they fail to comply with a request made by an Authorised Officer to cease forthwith any of the prohibitions listed in Paragraph 8 of this Order;

ii. they fail without reasonable excuse to comply with any of the prohibitions listed in Paragraph 8 of this Order.

An offence is a summary offence under Section 67 of the Act. A person guilty of an offence under Section 67 is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Level 3 on the standard scale or, if in receipt of a Fixed Penalty Notice, to a penalty of a maximum of £100.00 payable within 14 days.

Executed as a Deed by affixing
the common seal of Gravesham
Borough Council in the presence of:-

Authorised signatory

Joanna Horne.

Schedule 1 – Restricted Area

The land identified by the map below being the areas to which this Order applies is the Local Government Area known as Gravesham.



Challenging the Validity of the Order

An 'Interested Person' means an individual who lives, works or studies in or visits the Restricted Area.

An Interested Person may apply to the High Court to question the validity of:

a) This Order or
b) A future variation of the Order.

An Interested Person may apply to the High Court within six weeks from the date on which the Order is made on the grounds that:

a) The Council did not have the power to make the Order or the variation or to include particular prohibitions, restrictions or requirements imposed by the Order (or by the Order as varied) or
b) A requirement under Chapter 2 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 was not complied with in relation to the Order or the variation.