

# Public Space Protection Orders

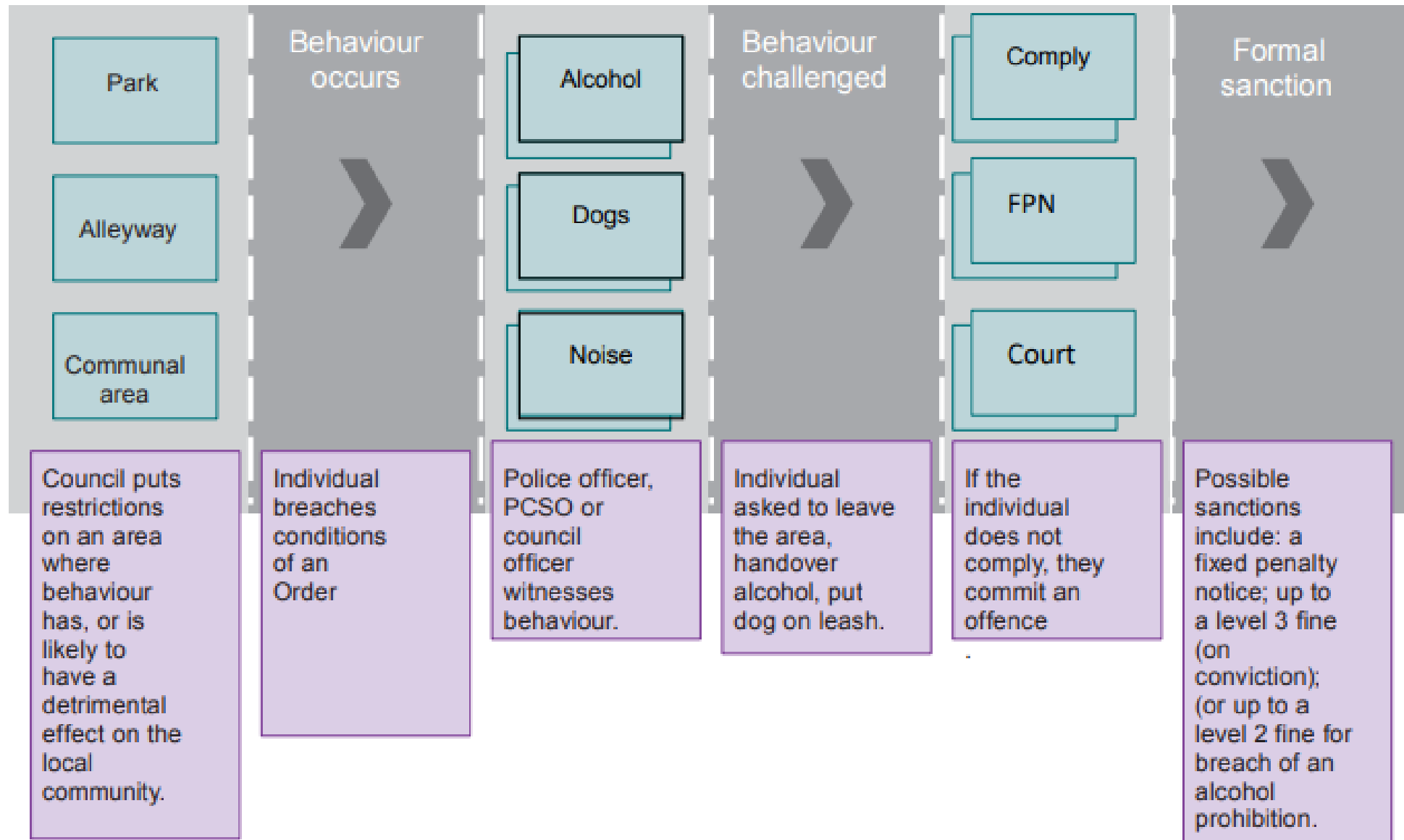
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# Purpose

- Introduced in Oct 2017 as part of the Anti-social behaviour, Crime & Policing Act which came into force in 2014
- Replaced all Dog Control Orders and Designated Public Place Orders
- Updated existing byelaws where applicable
- Three yearly review cycle is an opportunity for us to introduce new requirements
- Is enforced by both the Local Authority and the Police



# Public Spaces Protection Order

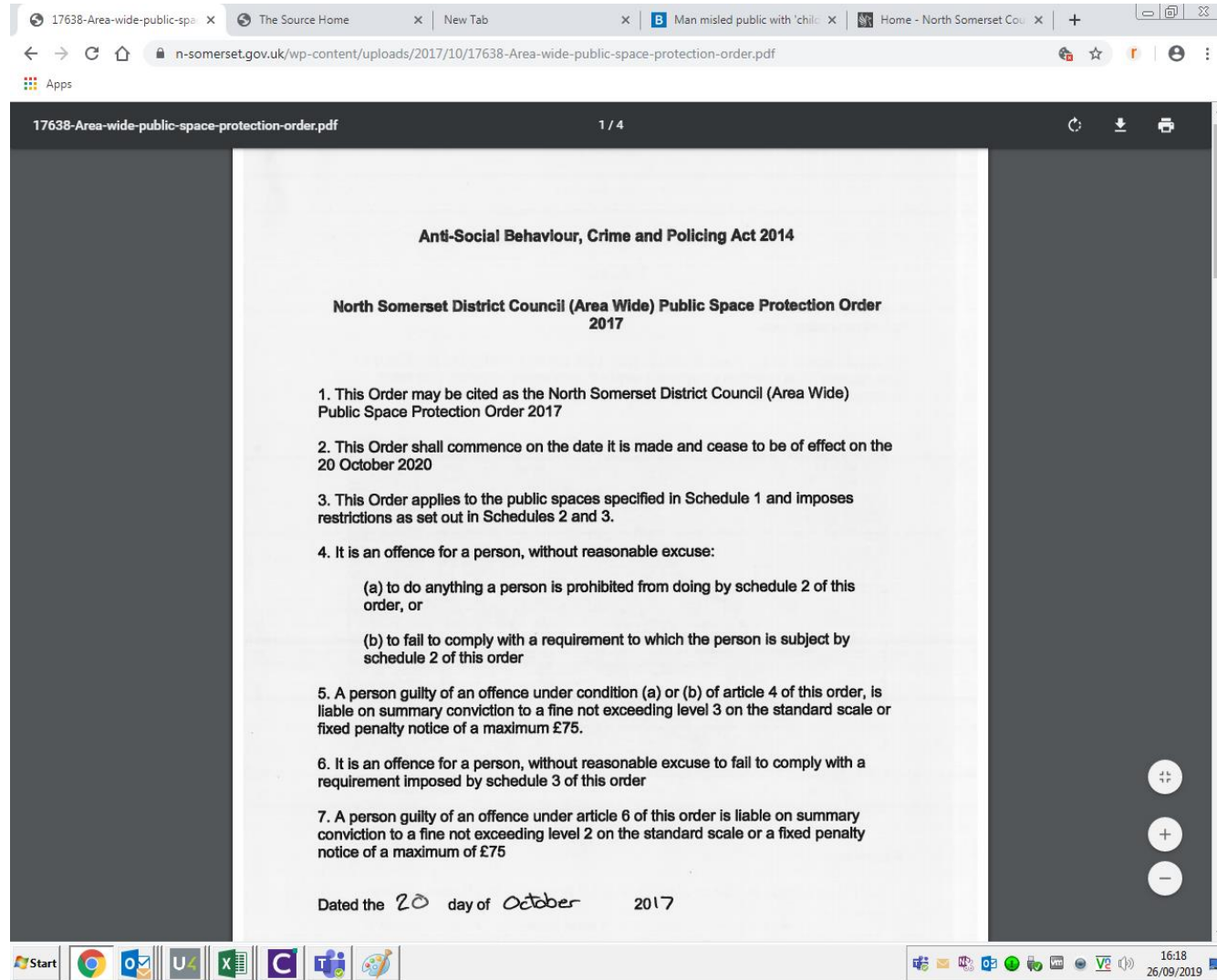


# District Wide Orders

- We have orders that apply to

**Any land to which the public is entitled or permitted to have access with or without payment**

- Fail to remove dog faeces
- Fail to produce a receptacle for picking up dog faeces
- Fail to put a dog on a lead when required to do so
- Deposit litter
- Urinate or defecate in any place other than a public convenience
- Fail to stop / Fail to surrender alcohol / intoxicating substances



Public Space Protection Orders

<http://map.n-somerset.gov.uk/PublicSpaceProtectionOrders.html>

Any public library, museum, council building or public convenience

- We have orders covering our public libraries, the museum, our council buildings and our public conveniences

No person shall engage in behaviour as to cause alarm, harassment or distress



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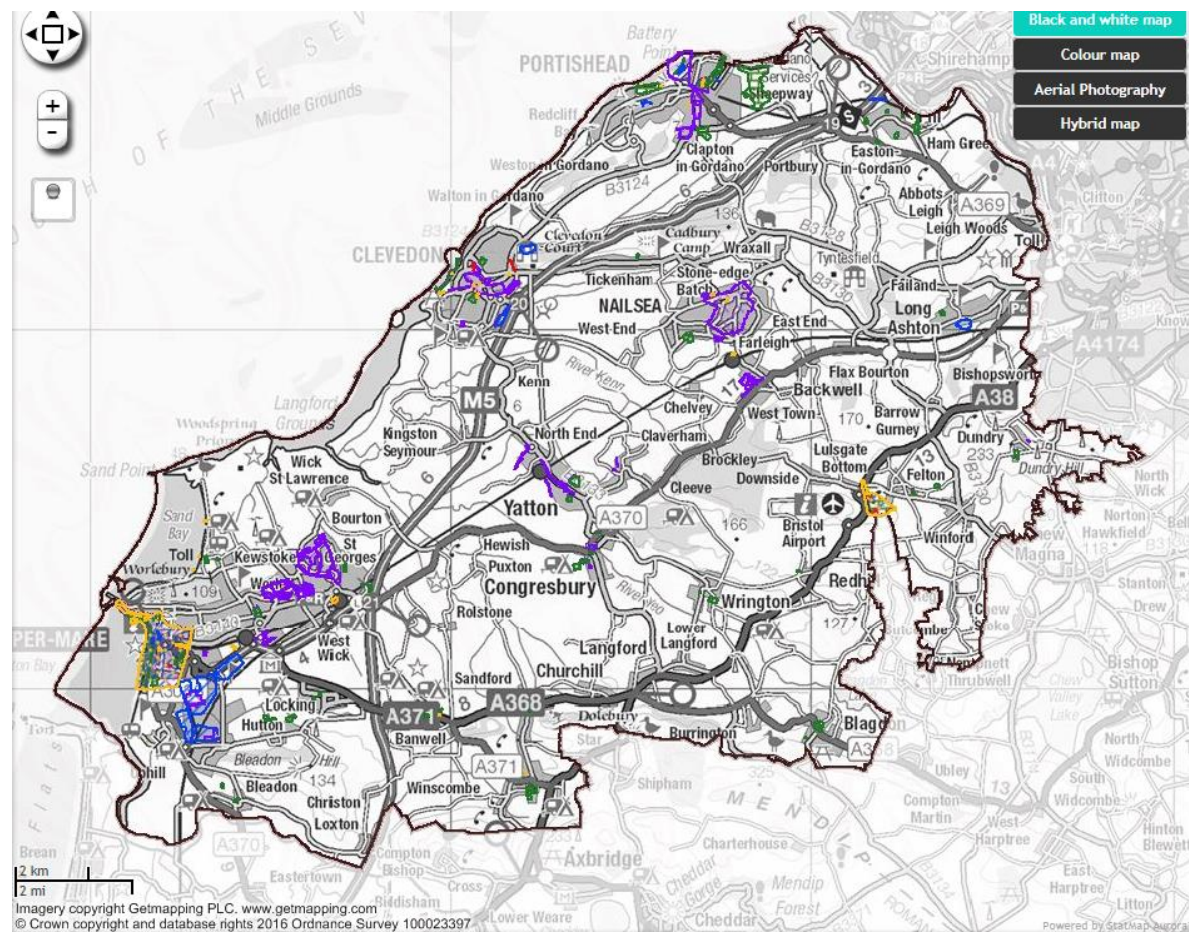
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# Specific Areas

We have orders to cover specific areas in the following Towns and Parishes

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| Backwell    | Pill & Easton-in-Gordano |
| Banwell     | Portbury                 |
|             | Portishead               |
| Blagdon     |                          |
| Bleadon     | St Georges               |
| Clevedon    | Tickenham                |
| Congresbury |                          |
| Dundry      |                          |
| Hutton      | Weston-super-Mare        |
| Kewstoke    | Winford & Felton         |
| Locking     | Winscombe & Sandford     |
| Long Ashton | Wrington                 |
| Nailsea     | Yatton & Claverham       |



## Children's play areas

- We have an order that covers **all children's play areas** to ensure that

No dogs are allowed in them

No one smokes in them



**199 reported breaches**

**87 warnings**

**27 fines issued**

**5 convictions**



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## Dog owner ordered to pay more than £4,000 for not picking up his pet's poo

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Yahoo News UK 5 February 2019



A dog owner has been fined for not picking up his animal's mess (File picture: Getty)

A dog owner has been ordered to pay more than £4,000 for failing to pick up his pet's poo.

Carl Davies was filmed by a resident repeatedly letting his dog mess on public lawns in Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, in March last year.

He pleaded not guilty to three offences of failing to pick up after his dog but he was convicted after a court was shown the secret video footage.

The Beach Lawns, on the resort's seafront, are covered by a council public space

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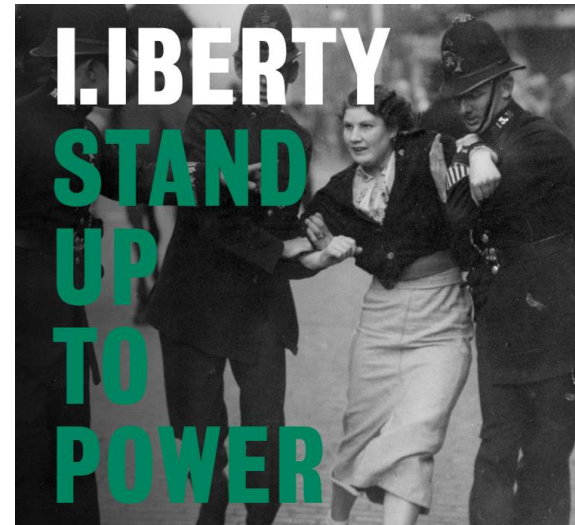
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## Difficulties

- Changes in government guidance
- IT system challenges
- Organisational change – within the council and the police
- Rapid turnover in staff in both civil enforcement and the police
- Legal challenges – FOI, complaints, RIPA resulting in months of additional work
- Training
- Authorisations – BID Team
- Information sharing – DVLA
- Resources to enforce
- Conflicting priorities



## Public Space Protection Orders

## Next Steps

- Review the current orders – which ones do you want to keep? Do you want to change the wording? What would you like to see going forward?
- Need to be satisfied that any amended / new orders meet the test

**Behaviour being restricted has to:**

- **be having, or be likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality;**
- **be persistent or continuing nature; and**
- **be unreasonable**

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**“PSPOs aren’t the answer for everything – you need to start by looking at what the issue really is. Often there are easier and more effective tools for dealing with the problem.”**

## Timeline:

| Date                 | Activity  |
|----------------------|---|
| 5 November 2019      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CCO panel meeting</li></ul>                     |
| Nov 2019 to Jan 2020 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Collation of amendments/new proposals</li></ul> |
| Feb to April 2020    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public Consultation Period</li></ul>            |
| Date TBC 2020        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CCO panel meeting</li></ul>                     |
| Date TBC 2020        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Executive</li></ul>                             |



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