

Appendix 1

Coventry City Council Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, Section 59 Public Spaces Protection Order (City Centre) 2023

This Order is made by Coventry City Council ("the Council") under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, Section 59 ("the Act").

1. This Order relates to the public space within the area edged in red on the plan of Coventry City Centre which appears at Appendix One, being public space in the Council's area to which the Act applies ("the Restricted Area").
2. The Council is satisfied that the two conditions below have been met, in that:-
 - a. activities carried on in the restricted area as described below have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or it is likely that these activities will be carried on in the public place and they will have such an effect;
 - b. the effect, or likely effect, of the activities 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 the Order.

By this Order

3. The effect of the Order is to impose the following prohibitions and/or requirements in the Restricted Area at all times, unless specifically stated:-

a. Begging

Any person is prohibited from begging. The act of begging is deemed as either approaching people for money, or being stationary and directly asking for money, or positioned on the floor to invite the offer of money or goods.

b. Peddling / Street Trading

Any person is prohibited from, at any time, peddling/trading goods within the restricted area without an appropriate street trading consent issued by the Council.

c. Distribution of publicity materials

Any person is prohibited from distributing any materials for commercial gain unless they have the appropriate prior permission of the Council. Registered charities and religious organisations are exempt.

d. Charity or Commercial Subscription Collectors

Any person is prohibited from, soliciting for the completion of subscription charity collections. Exemptions are granted on land within the area marked in blue detailed on the plan of Coventry City Centre. Appropriate permission to carry out cash collections in the City Centre should be obtained from the Council in advance.

e. Buskers and Street Performers

Any person is prohibited from performing contrary to the 'Coventry City Centre Code of Conduct for Performers' (see Appendix 2).

f. Pedal cycles, Skateboarding and manual scooters

Any person riding a pedal cycle, skateboarding or riding a manual scooter must do so in a careful and considerate manner and must dismount if requested to do so by an enforcing officer when continuing to ride would cause a danger to the public or public offence. Failure to comply will leave them liable to enforcement.

g. E-bikes and E-scooters

Any person is prohibited from riding, cycling, or using an E-bike or E-scooter, within the protected area shown on the attached map (Appendix 2b). Unless:

1. that person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
2. the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person failing to do so.

Any person may push and walk alongside their E-bike, or E-scooter through the defined area.

Exemption:

Nothing in this order applies to a person who uses a mobility scooter for access reasons or a person who uses an E-bike or E-scooter as a mobility aid and cannot safely dismount and push a cycle for any significant distance, but these persons must use these aids in a careful and considerate manner.

Offences under this Public Space Protection Order:

- a. A person who is guilty of an offence shall on summary conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- b. A Fixed Penalty Notice of £100.00 will be issued to offenders (reduced to £60.00 if paid within 14 days) which would discharge any liability to conviction for an offence under Section 67(1) of the Act.
- c. This order may be cited as 'The Public Space Protection Order (City Centre)' and shall come into force on (date of commencement) and remain in force for a period of three years.