

COVENTRY CITY COUNCIL

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014, SECTION 59 PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (CITY CENTRE) 2026

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

This Order may be cited as the Public Spaces Protection Order (City Centre) and comes into force on **XXX**. This Order will have effect for a period of 3 years, until **XXX**.

1. This Order relates to the public space within the area edged in purple 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. Engaging in any conduct that amounts to aggressive, pressuring, or harassing requests for money or donations

No person shall engage in behaviour within the Restricted Area that causes, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm, or distress to any other person. Without limiting the above, such behaviour includes but is not limited to the following examples:

- (i) Persistent following of a person after a refusal of a request
- (ii) Intentionally obstructing a person's path
- (iii) Using threatening, abusive, offensive or intimidating language or behaviour
- (iv) Accosting a person in a manner that impedes their movement
- (v) Continuing to make a request for money or goods after being clearly asked to stop

Exemption:

For the avoidance of doubt, this prohibition does not apply to merely sitting, standing, or being present in the Restricted Area, nor to passively request assistance, where no harmful behaviour occurs.

B. Use of Amplification Equipment

Within the area shown as the City Centre Restricted Area on the attached map, a person must not, unless authorised by Coventry City Council, use amplification equipment. For the purposes of this prohibition, amplification equipment includes but is not limited to:

- (i) Loudspeakers
- (ii) Speakers
- (iii) Microphones
- (iv) Megaphones
- (v) Loudhailers
- (vi) Amplifiers
- (vii) or any similar device designed to increase the volume of sound.

Exemption:

This prohibition does not apply where written authorisation has been granted by Coventry City Council. Authorisation may include (but is not limited to):

- (i) organised events
- (ii) authorised performances
- (iii) council-approved promotional activity
- (iv) other activities approved by the local authority.

C. Temporary structures

Within the area shown as the City Centre Restricted Area on the enclosed map, a person must not, unless authorised by Coventry City Council, erect, place or maintain any temporary structure unless authorised by Coventry City Council.

For the purposes of this prohibition, a temporary structure includes but is not limited to:

- (i) gazebos
- (ii) canopies
- (iii) stalls
- (iv) display stands
- (v) or any similar structure designed to facilitate trading, promotion or gathering.

Any person directed by an authorised officer to remove a temporary structure must comply with that request. Failure to comply will leave them liable to enforcement.

Exemption:

This prohibition does not apply where written authorisation has been granted by Coventry City Council. Authorisation may include (but is not limited to):

- (i) organised events
- (ii) authorised markets
- (iii) council-approved promotional activity
- (iv) permitted demonstrations or gatherings
- (v) activities authorised by the local authority.

D. Buskers and Street Performers

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

E. Pedal cycles, Skateboarding and manual scooters

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

F. E-bikes and E-scooters

Any person is prohibited from riding, cycling or using an E-bike or E-scooter within the Restricted Area shown on the attached map (Appendix 1), except that a person may push and walk alongside their E-bike or E-scooter through the defined area.

This prohibition does not apply where written authorisation has been granted by Coventry City Council.

Exemption:

Nothing in this Order applies to a person who uses a mobility scooter for access reasons, or who uses an E-bike or E-scooter as a mobility aid and cannot safely dismount and push it. Such devices must be used 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.

APPEALS:

Any challenge to this Order must be made at the High Court by an interested person within six (6) weeks of it being made. An interested person is someone who lives in, regularly works in or visits the restricted area. This means that only those who are directly affected by the restrictions have the right to challenge. The right to challenge also exists where an order is varied by the Council.

Interested persons can challenge the validity of the Order on two grounds:

- 1) that the Council did not have the power to make the Order or to include particular prohibitions or requirements; or

2) that one of the requirements of the legislation, for instance consultation, has not been complied with.

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 whole. The High Court can uphold, quash, or vary the Order.



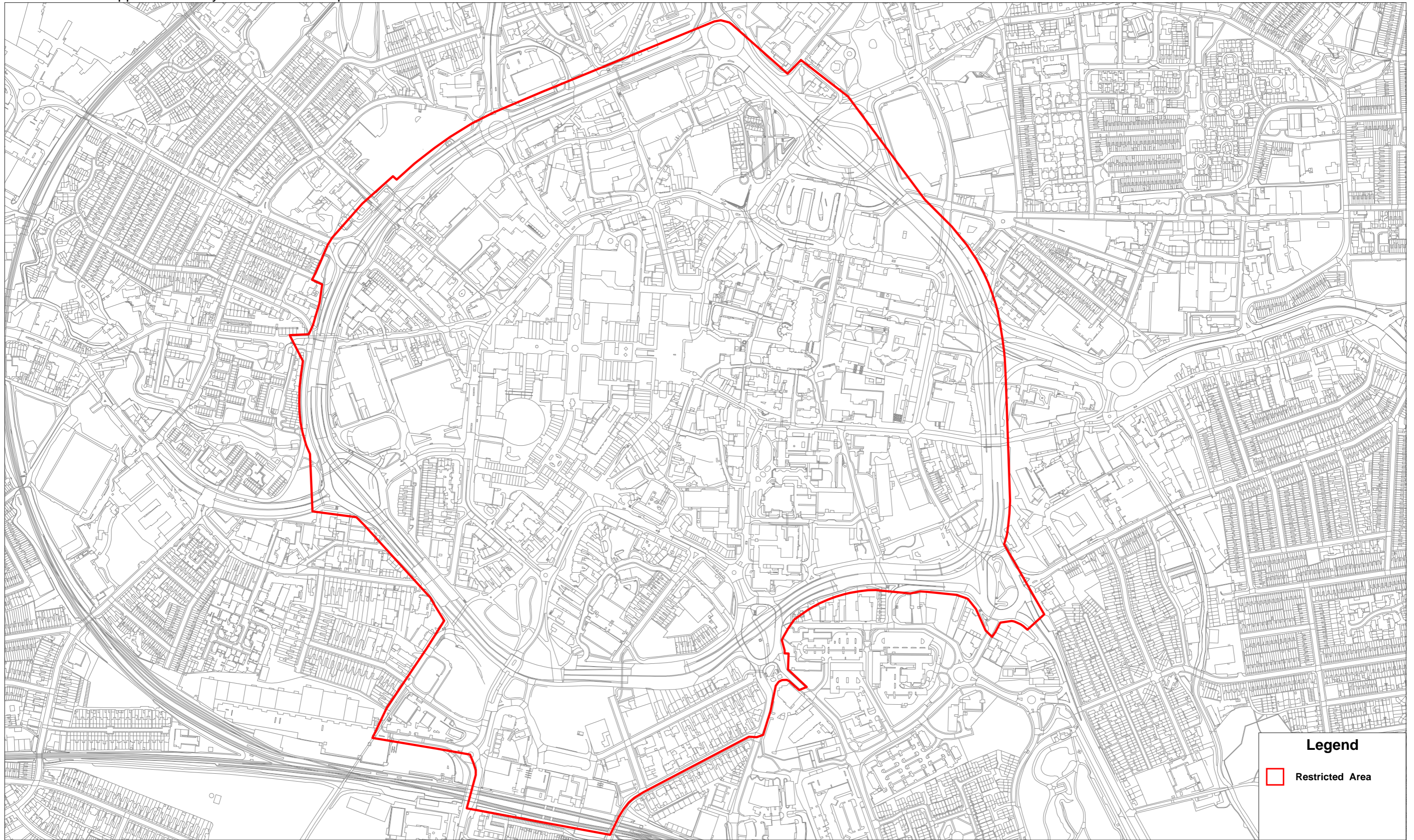
..... **JULIE NEWMAN, Director of Law,**
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Made under the Common Seal of Coventry City Council on this day of 2026


The Common Seal of the Council of the City
of Coventry was hereunto affixed to this
Order in the presence of

Authorised Signatory


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Legend

 Restricted Area

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City Centre - PSPO

Drawn By: NH
Scale : NTS
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Appendix 1b - Pedestrianised Area



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