**North East Lincolnshire Borough Council**

**PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER 2025**

**Grimsby Town Centre**

This Order is made by North East Lincolnshire Council in exercise of its powers under Section 59 and Section 63 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the “Act”).

1. The Order applies to the public areas shown on the map annexed to this Order (the “Restricted Area”).
2. The Council is satisfied that the following conditions have been met:
3. Activities have been carried out in the Restricted Area that have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or it is likely that activities will be carried out in the area and they will have such an effect; and
4. The effect, or likely effect of the activities is, or is likely to be, persistent or of a continuing nature, and is, or is likely to be, such that the activities are unreasonable and the effect justifies the restrictions imposed.
5. This Order shall have effect for a period of 3 years, commencing on 14th July 2025 and remaining in force until 13th July 2028.

**Anti-social Behaviour**

1. The effect of this Order is to impose the following prohibitions under Section 59 of the Act:
2. Engaging in any activity or behaviour that causes, or is likely to cause, nuisance, alarm, harassment, distress, or intimidation to any persons.
3. Cycling or propelling a bicycle in any manner other than walking with it by any person along Victoria Street from its junction with George Street up to the cycle hub Victoria Street South, including: The Old Market Place (Bull Ring) to its junction with Bethlehem Street, the pedestrian area of West St Mary's Gate, and East St Mary's Gate to its junction with Osbourne Street, as shown in blue on the map forming part of this Order.
4. Using a skateboard, scooter, rollerblades, or similar wheeled devices, in such a manner which incorporates any street fixture or street furniture.
5. Engaging in any activity or behaviour that threatens the safety of that person or any other person.
6. Using foul or abusive language directed at or towards any other person.
7. Playing music or generating noise at a volume, or in a manner, likely to cause a nuisance.
8. Climbing onto any structure or building other than for a lawful purpose.
9. The effect of this Order is to impose the following requirement in relation to the prohibitions in Section 4 of this Order:

Where a Police Constable or an Authorised Officer has reasonable grounds to believe that a person or group is engaging, or has engaged in, any activity prohibited by this Order, that officer may require the person or group to immediately disperse from the Restricted Area, and to not return to the Restricted Area for a period up to 24 hours, as specified by the officer.

1. Any person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with any of the prohibitions or requirements under Section 4 of this Order, commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (currently £1000).

**Alcohol**

1. The effect of this Order is to impose the following prohibitions under Section 63 of the Act:
2. The consumption of alcohol, or being in possession of an open container of alcohol.
3. Continuing to consume alcohol or anything reasonably believed to be alcohol when asked to desist by an Authorised Officer.
4. Failing to surrender alcohol or anything reasonably believed to be alcohol in possession when asked to do so by an Authorised Officer.

This provision does not apply to alcohol being consumed within premises licensed under the Licensing Act 2003 or in accordance with a permission granted under Section 115(e) of the Highways Act 1980.

1. The effect of this Order is to impose the following requirement in relation to the prohibitions in Section 7 of this Order:

Where a Police Constable or an Authorised Officer has reason to believe that a person or group is engaging in a prohibited activity outlined in Section 4 of the Order and is in possession of alcohol or anything reasonably believed to be alcohol, they may require its immediate surrender and dispose of anything surrendered in such manner as they consider appropriate.

1. Any person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with any of the prohibitions or requirements under Section 7 of this Order, commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale (currently £500).
2. A Police Constable or Authorised Officer may issue a fixed penalty notice to any person who they reasonably believe has committed an offence under this Order. The recipient of such notice will have 14 days to pay the fixed penalty of £100. Failure to pay the fixed penalty within this period may result in prosecution.
3. Any challenge to this Order must be made at the High Court within 6 weeks of it being made by someone who lives in, regularly works in or visits the Restricted area.

The validity of the Order may be challenged on the grounds that:

1. The Council acted beyond its powers in making the Order, or including provisions; or
2. The Council failed to comply with the procedural requirements prescribed by The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

When an application is made, the High Court may decide to suspend the operation of the Order, in whole or in part, pending their decision. The High Court has the authority to uphold, quash or vary the Order.

Dated:

The Common Seal of

North East Lincolnshire Borough Council

was hereunto affixed in the presence of:

Authorised Signatory

