ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT (2014)

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF BOLTON

THE DOGS EXCLUSION PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (2026)

The Borough Council of Bolton in exercise of its powers under Sections 59, 60, and 72 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Police Act 2014 ("the Act") hereby make the following Order: -

1. This Order shall come into operation on the 26thOctober 2026 and shall have effect for three years thereafter, unless extended by further Orders under the Council's statutory powers.

2. This Order relates to public spaces as specified on the Order Schedule, hereinafter referred to as 'the Restricted Area'

3. - (1) Except as provided in Article 3(2) of this Order, a person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, he takes the dog onto, or permits the dog to enter or to remain on, any land to which this Order applies unless —

(a) he has a reasonable excuse for doing so; or
(b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his doing so.

(2). The restriction in Article 3(1) of this Order shall not apply to a person who—

(a) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or
(b) is deaf, in respect of a dog trained by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity number 293358) and upon which he relies for assistance; or
(c) has a disability which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which he relies for assistance.

(3) For the purposes of this article —
(a) a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog; and
(b) each of the following is a "prescribed charity"—
  (i) Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454);
  (ii) Support Dogs (registered charity number 1088281);
  (iii) Canine Partners for Independence (registered charity number 803680).

4. The Council is satisfied that the conditions set out in Sections 59, and 72 of the Act of 2014 have been satisfied and that it is in all the circumstances expedient to make this Order for the purposes of combatting nuisance within the Restricted Area caused by dogs, activities which have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality. The effect or likely effect of this is of a persistent or continuing nature such as to make this unreasonable and justifies the restrictions imposed by this Order.

5. A person found in breach of this Order shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

6. If any interested person desires to question the validity of this Order on the grounds that the Council has no power to make it or that any requirement of the Act has not been complied with in relation to this Order, he or she may apply to the High Court within six weeks from the date on which this Order is made.

THE COMMON SEAL of **THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF**

BOLTON was hereto affixed on the 23rd October 2026 in the presence of: -

Authorised Sealing Officer



Sealing No. 24705

SCHEDULE for The Dogs Exclusion (The Borough Council of Bolton) Public Spaces Protection Order 2026

All enclosed (FENCED AND GATED) areas provided within the geographic jurisdiction of the Borough Council of Bolton which have been created for purpose and use as children's play areas, or youth dedicated sports areas (including Multiple Use Games Areas and Kickabouts) and to which the public have access (whether on payment or not); which bear signage indicating that dogs should not be taken into them, and including:

Enclosed Children's Play Areas at:

1. Brazley Avenue/Ainswoth Avenue, Horwich.
2. Green Lane, Horwich.
3. Manchester Road, Scot Lane End.
4. Cllr Glover, Umberton Road,
5. Egerton Park,
6. Stonesteads Way,
7. Recreation Street, Harwood.
8. Longsight Park,
9. Rumworth Park,
10. Heyward Park,
11. Little Holmes Walk,
12. Sunnyside Park,
13. Great Lever Park,
14. Devoke Grove,
15. Highfield Drive,
16. Paulham Street,
17. Kearsley Park,
18. Ellesmere Park,
19. Doe Hey Park,
20. Dymchurch Avenue,
21. Elham Close,
22. Central Park, Westhoughton,
23. Whitebeam Walk,
24. Devonshire Road,
25. Moss Bank Park,
26. Barlow Park,
27. Glaisdale Road,
28. Tonge Park,
29. Tonge Fold,
30. Milnthorpe Road,
31. Waggon Road,
32. Mytham Park,
33. Queens Park,
34. Turton Street,
35. Hatfield Road,
36. Avoncliffe Close,
37. Myrrh Street,
38. Howard Avenue,
39. Nugent Road,
40. Holmeswood Road,
41. Birch Avenue,
42. Bradford Street Park,
43. Ashford Walk,
44. Luton Street,

45. St James Park,
46. Broadgreen Gardens,
47. Ullswater Street,
48. Moss Lane,
49. Bank Top, Kearsley,
50. Fern Street,
51. Farnworth Central Park,
52. Thomasson Park,
53. Herons Way,
54. Moses Gate,
55. Suffolk Close,
56. St James' Daisy Hill,
57. Darbishire Park,
58. Musgrave Rd,

And enclosed youth provisions at:

1, Old Station Park, Horwich.
2,Harper Green PF, Farnworth.
3, Hayward Leisure Centre.
4, Rumworth Deane School.
5, Turton School.
6, St Josephs, Horwich.
7, St James' School, Farnworth.
8, Bolton Arena, Horwich.
9, Power League, Breightmet.
10, Manor Golf Club, Kearsley.
11, Burnden.
12, Johnson Fold School.
13, Thornleigh High School.
14, Sharples High School.
15, St Maxentius School.
16, Farnworth Pool.
17, Canon Slade School.
18, Castle Hill Centre.
19, Heywood Park, Great Lever.
20, Pikes Lane, Deane.
21, Rumworth Park, Willows Lane.
22, Quebec Street, Deane.
23, Quebec Street, Deane.
24, Heywood Park, Great Lever.
25, Old Station Park, Horwich.
26, Kearsley Park, Kearsley.
27, Sunnyside Park, Great Lever.
28, Tonge Fold.
29, Brownlow Fold School.
30, Hibbert Street.
31, Hare and Hounds, Stoneclough.
32, Harper Green PF, Farnworth.
33, John Holt Youth Centre.
34, Astley Bridge Park.
35, Egerton Park.
36, Mytham Road, Little Lever.
37, Queens Park.
38, Boardman Street.

39, Barlow Park.
40, Gloster Street.
41, Holden Lea, Westhoughton.
42, Green Lane, Horwich.
43, Darley Park, Farnworth.