

Borough Council of Bolton

Antisocial Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, Section 59

Public Spaces Protection Order 2026 (Wildfires)

This order is made by Borough Council of Bolton ("The Council") in exercise of its powers under Section 59 of the Antisocial Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act")

1. This order relates to the public places described in the schedule below and defined by the area edged red on the plan attached to this order ("the restricted area").
2. The Council is satisfied that the two conditions below have been met, in that:
 - a. Activities carried out in the restricted area, as described below, have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life those in the locality, or it is likely that these activities will be carried on in the public place and they would have such an effect, the said activities being the lighting, or tending of fires, barbecues, sky lanterns, fireworks or any article/object which causes a naked flame.
 - b. The effect, or likely effect of the activities as described above
 - i) Is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature
 - ii) Is, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable; and
 - iii) Justifies the restrictions imposed by the order.

3. **Prohibited activities and requirements:**

3.1 The activities which are prohibited at all times by this order are:

- i) The lighting or tending of fires, barbecues, fireworks, sky lanterns.
- ii) Using any article/object which causes a naked flame.

3.2 Persons are requested to surrender anything in their possession which a constable or authorised officer reasonably believes to be an article that has been used OR is likely to be used in conjunction with the prohibited activities referred to in this order.

4. Definitions:

In this order:

“Authorised officer” means a Police Constable or an officer of Bolton Council in possession of an authority to enforce this order;

“Firework” means a firework as defined in section 1 of the Fireworks Act 2003;

and “Public place” means ‘any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission’, as defined in the Antisocial Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

5. Period for which the order has effect:

The order shall come into force on 21st August 2026 and remain in place for a period of three years, unless extended by further orders under the Council’s statutory powers.

6. What happens if I fail to comply with this order:

Any person who fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a prohibition or requirement imposed upon him by this order commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale or may be issued with a fixed penalty notice requiring payment of a sum not exceeding £100.

SCHEDULE

Restricted Areas

The public places ("the Restricted Area") as defined by the map below consists of land which

the public has access, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission, and which lie

within the Borough of Bolton to the contiguous local authority boundaries with Blackburn with

Darwen Council and Chorley Council.

Area of map included in sealed order

- **North:** Smithills Moor / northern Winter Hill moorland area. [\[bolton.gov.uk\]](http://bolton.gov.uk), [\[bolton.gov.uk\]](http://bolton.gov.uk)
- **East:** Horrocks Moor above the Belmont Road corridor. [\[bolton.gov.uk\]](http://bolton.gov.uk), [\[bolton.gov.uk\]](http://bolton.gov.uk)
- **South:** Walker Fold. [\[bolton.gov.uk\]](http://bolton.gov.uk), [\[bolton.gov.uk\]](http://bolton.gov.uk)
- **West:** Wilder's Moor toward the Lancashire boundary. [\[bolton.gov.uk\]](http://bolton.gov.uk), [\[bolton.gov.uk\]](http://bolton.gov.uk)