

The Ainsworth Lane Area, Tonge with the Haulgh
Public Spaces Protection Order (2026)

Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act (2014)

Borough Council of Bolton

The Borough Council of Bolton in exercise of its powers under Sections 59, 60, 64 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 21st October 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 the public footpaths ‘BOL198’ & ‘BOL196’:

- To the rear of 30 to 46 Ainsworth Lane over its full width and approximate length of 50 metres (marked ‘1’);
- To the rear of Hope Mill, Ainsworth Lane, along the line of footpath number 198, Bolton and to the of 317 to 325 Bury Road over its full width and approximate length of 32 metres (marked ‘2’);
- Between Hope Mill and 30 Ainsworth Lane over its full width and approximate length of 22 metres (marked ‘3’)

as specified on the Order Plan (the Restricted Area / Gated Route).

3. Except as provided in Article 4 of this Order, no person shall use the public rights of way over the Restricted Area between the hours of 7.00pm on one day and 7.00am on the next. Barriers may be installed, operated and maintained to enforce the restriction over the Restricted Area.

4. The restriction in Article 3 of this Order shall not apply to any registered owner of, or person who lives or works in, land or premises adjoining the Restricted Area, or to any police, ambulance or fire service personnel, acting in pursuance of statutory powers or duties or to any statutory undertaker, gas, electricity, water or communications provider requiring access to their apparatus situated in the Restricted Area, or persons and/or vehicles required, where necessary, in connection with maintenance work or other function of the Council.

5. The Council is satisfied that the conditions set out in Sections 59, 64 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, within the Restricted Area, crime and anti-social behaviour which has 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. The alternative route for pedestrians and vehicular traffic in respect of the Restricted Area is along the highway to the side of 46 Ainsworth Lane (Barnard Street); to the front of 46-30 Ainsworth Lane; to the front of Hope Mill, Ainsworth Lane; to the side of 301 Bury Road; to the front of 317-325 Bury Road; to the side of 325 Bury Road (Prospect Street); and to the rear of 325-317 Bury Road as shown by dotted lines on the Order Plan.

The Common Seal of the
Borough Council of
Bolton was hereto affixed
on the 20th October 2026

**Bolton
Council**

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
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BACK AINSWORTH LANE, BOLTON - ALLEYGATING PROPOSAL



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**GATED ROUTE
(7.00PM - 7.00AM)**
**ALTERNATIVE
ROUTE**

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DATE: JUNE 2007

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