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

Borough Council of Bolton

The Dogs on Leads by Direction 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. In this Order "an authorised officer of the Authority" means an employee of the Authority who is authorised in writing by the Authority for the purpose of giving directions under this Order.

4. — (1) A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, on any land to which this Order applies, he does not comply with a direction given him by an authorised officer of the Authority to put and keep the dog on a lead of not more than 6 feet in length, unless —

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

(2) 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;
(b) an authorised officer of the Authority may only give a direction under this Order to put and keep a dog on a lead if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person on any land to which this Order applies or the worrying or disturbance of any animal or bird.

5. 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 when not properly supervised and kept under control, 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.

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.

The Common Seal of **The Borough Council Of**

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

Authorised Sealing Officer

SCHEDULE for The Dogs on Leads by Direction (The Borough Council of Bolton) Public Spaces Protection Order 2026

1. Any land within the administrative area of The Borough Council of Bolton which is open to the air, including covered land which is open to the air on at least one side, and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access with or without payment and including:-
2. All carriageways and adjoining footpaths and verges of such carriageways
3. Any footpath, footway, walkway, access way, back street, road or carriageway, together with adjoining verges, whether privately maintained or adopted by the Council.
4. All parks and open spaces maintained by the Council and all children's play areas therein.
5. Land provided or used for public enjoyment, recreation, sporting or educational purposes including:- school playing fields, school playgrounds and all other children's play areas.
6. Land which is used as a memorial, burial ground, cemetery or garden of remembrance together with any forecourt, terrace, yard or walkway providing access, and together with adjoining verges, landscaped areas and gardens.
7. Land which is a public footpath or bridleway together with adjoining verges.
8. Land adjacent to any inland waterway, watercourse, river, stream or enclosed body of water which is a footpath, footway, towpath, boat mooring or launching site together with adjoining verges.
9. Land which is used as a car park, parking bay, vehicle turning area, waiting or stopping space, cycle or motorcycle parking space together with adjoining footways and verges.
10. Any forecourt, terrace, yard or walkway, together with adjoining verges landscaped areas and gardens, which provide access to, or adjoin, any building to which the public have access.
11. Any platform, forecourt, waiting area, walkway or shelter at any bus or rail station.
12. Land used for the consumption of food or drink in connection with any trade, business or undertaking supplying food or drink.
13. Land which is a nature reserve or country park, wooded public open space or urban open space.
14. Land which is used for a market or fair or for the sale of goods.
15. Land which is a site for the deposit by the public of materials to be recycled or a household waste disposal site and its adjoining footways, access ways and a car park/waiting areas.