

BROXBOURNE BOROUGH COUNCIL

PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER No. 1 OF 2025

TOWN CENTRES PEST CONTROL

1. This Order may be cited as the Borough of Broxbourne Public Spaces Protection Order **No. 1 of 2025**.
2. The Borough of Broxbourne (the "Council") makes this Order under its powers contained in s.59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act"), being satisfied on reasonable grounds that the activities set out in paragraph 5, in the location described in paragraph 4 of this Order and detailed in the schedule to this Order have had or are likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or it is likely that activities will be carried out within that area and have such an effect. The Council is also satisfied that the effect, or likely effect, of the activities is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature and that these activities are unreasonable and justify the restrictions imposed by this Order and that it is in all the circumstances expedient to make this Order for the purpose of reducing anti-social behaviour in a public place.
3. This Order comes into force at midnight on **XXXX** for a period of up to three years thereafter, unless extended by further order under the Council's statutory powers.
4. This Order applies to three town centres Waltham Cross, Cheshunt High Street and Hoddesdon town centre as defined on the maps in the Borough of Broxbourne to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right by virtue of expressed or implied permission.
5. The activities described below are hereby covered as from the date of this Order.
 1. Exclusion of feeding pigeons in the area outlined within Borough of Broxbourne Town Centres in Schedules A, B and C below.
 2. This Order applies to the land described in Schedules A, B and C in this Order, being a public place in the area of the Council, identified for the purposes of Section 59(4) of the Act, and in this Order referred to as the "restricted area."
 3. In this Order, "an authorised officer of the Council" means a person who is authorised in writing by the Council for the purpose of enforcement of this Order.
 4. The Council makes the Order on the basis it is satisfied that, without these controls, the activity likely to be carried out in the restricted area will continue having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality. The

effect or likely effect of the behaviour is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature, is or is likely to be, such as to make it unreasonable, and justifies the restrictions imposed by the Order.

THE OFFENCE

5. A person shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, he/she deposits feed which is edible to pigeons (including seeds, bread, and grains), without reasonable excuse, within the designated area outlined in Borough of Broxbourne Town Centres.
6. The Council may extend, vary or discharge this Order at any time. Varying the Order includes increasing or reducing the restricted area.

THE PENALTY

A person guilty of an offence under section 67 of the Act is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

A person does not commit an offence under section 67 of the Act by failing to comply with a prohibition or requirement that the local authority did not have power to include in the public spaces protection order.

A person guilty of an offence under conditions a or b above, under section 67 of the Act is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale, or a fixed penalty notice of £100.

CHALLENGING THE VALIDITY OF ORDERS

An interested person may apply to the High Court to question the validity of this Order and an interested person means an individual who lives in the restricted area or who regularly works in or visits that area. Any such interested person may apply to the High Court within six weeks from the date on which this Order was made on the grounds that the Council did not have the power to make the Order or to include particular prohibitions or requirements imposed by the Order or that a requirement under Chapter 2 of the Act was not complied with in relation to this Order.

LAND DESIGNATED SPECIFICALLY

- (a) Waltham Cross Town Centre
- (b) Cheshunt High Street
- (c) Hoddesdon Town Centre

Dated

THE COMMON SEAL of the Borough of Broxbourne
Council was hereunto affixed in the presence of

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Authorised Officer