



Ashford Borough Council

The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

Part 4, Section 59

Public Spaces Protection Order

6 of 2021 – Conningbrook Lakes

Ashford Borough Council (the Council) in exercise of the power under section 59 of The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the Act) being satisfied that the conditions set out in section 59 of the Act have been met, makes the following order:

1. The order shall come into operation on 12 June 2021 and shall have effect for 3 years, unless extended by further orders.
2. This order relates to the public areas shown by the red line on the plan which can be found at **Appendix A** to this order (the restricted area):
 - a) All anglers must have a valid membership for fishing at the lake from an authorised agent of Mid Kent Fisheries.
 - b) All anglers must have appropriate rod licence issued by the Environment Agency with them and produce on demand.
 - c) Wildlife must not be disturbed by any missile.
 - d) No lighting of fires or barbeques except in permitted areas and disposed of safely.
 - e) The possession of catapults is strictly forbidden unless authorised or licenced by Mid Kent Fisheries for fishing purposes only.
 - f) No erecting of tents or bivvies except by authorised anglers / members of Mid Kent Fisheries.
 - g) No damage shall be done to the bankside, trees or water plants by digging, cutting or otherwise.

- h) No person may remove, displace or otherwise interfere with any lifesaving equipment (except in an emergency).
- i) No person may deposit or store on the land any controlled waste, or any other items.
- j) No person may enter the water at any time (unless participating in an approved activity under the supervision of an accredited club or association or in an emergency situation).
- k) No person shall refuse to stop drinking alcohol or hand over any containers (sealed or unsealed) which are believed to contain alcohol, when required, to do so by an authorised officer in order to prevent public nuisance or disorder.
- l) No person shall use foul and/or abusive language.
- m) No urinating or defecating.
- n) No amplified music, radio, or other audio is to be played through any device, electronic or otherwise, with the exception of audio devices used in conjunction personal headphones that effectively remain inaudible to other users of the public space.
- o) No public boating or other unauthorised Water Sports Activities. All water sports activities must be arranged through accredited clubs.
- p) No Camping or caravanning.
- q) Dogs must be kept on leads at all times. This is for the benefit of wildlife, other visitors and livestock.
- r) No person shall without authorisation remove, displace or otherwise interfere with any boat, dinghy or similar vessel moored at the jetty or stored at the lakeside or within the boundary of the Country Park.
- s) No unauthorised vehicles- Motorised vehicles (including motor bikes) are not allowed within the Country Park, except for:
 - Disabled access to the launch area
 - Delivery of boats and equipment
 - Vehicles entering the park for maintenance purposes or in case of emergencies
 - All vehicles must adhere to the 5mph site speed limit
 - Members of Kent Fisheries

3. Any person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with the requirements of this order commits an offence and shall be liable to a fixed penalty notice of £100 or on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
4. In accordance with section 66 of the Act, any interested person who wishes to challenge the validity of this Order on the grounds that the Council did not have the power to make the Order or that a requirement under the Act has not been complied with may apply to the High Court within six weeks from the date upon which the Order is made.

Interested persons can challenge the validity of this order on two grounds:

- a) That the Council did not have power to make the order, or to include particular prohibitions or requirements.
- b) That one of the requirements of the legislation, for instance consultation, has not been complied.

Where an application is made in the High Court can decide to suspend the operation of the order pending the Court's decision, in part or in totality. The High Court has the ability to uphold the order, quash it or vary it.

Signed: 

Head of Community Safety and Wellbeing on behalf of Ashford Borough Council.

Dated: 1 June 2021

Appendix A:

A sign detailing the restricted area:

PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER



The map shows the 'Eco Lake' and 'Main Lake' areas, with a 'Residential Area' to the west. The 'Julie Rose Stadium' is located south of the lakes. 'Willesborough Road' runs along the eastern side. Designated areas for public swimming and boating are marked with blue 'X's. Designated areas for fires and barbecues are marked with red 'X's. Designated areas for fishing are marked with green 'X's.

For the full list of restrictions please visit www.ashford.gov.uk/public-spaces-protection-order

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NO PUBLIC SWIMMING OR UNAUTHORISED BOATING

NO AMPLIFIED MUSIC

NO FIRES OR BARBECUES EXCEPT IN DESIGNATED AREAS

DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES

FISHING RESTRICTED TO MEMBERS ONLY

DO NOT DISTURB OR DESTROY THE WILDLIFE OR FLORA

CATAPULTS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN UNLESS FOR AUTHORISED FISHING PURPOSES ONLY

IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY THEN YOU MAY RECEIVE £100 FIXED PENALTY NOTICE OR FACE PROSECUTION AND A FINE OF UP TO £1,000.

 