



## **Ashford Borough Council**

### **The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014**

#### **Part 4, Section 59**

#### **Public Spaces Protection Order**

#### **2026 – Singleton Lake**

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:

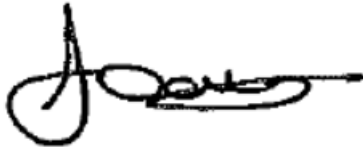
1. The order shall come into operation on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 and shall have effect for 3 years, unless extended by further orders.
2. This order relates to the public areas shown by the red line on the plan annexed to this order (the restricted area):
  - a) All anglers must have a valid ticket for fishing at the lake from an authorised agent of Ashford Borough Council.
  - b) All anglers must have appropriate rod licence issued by the Environment Agency with them and produce on demand.
  - c) No night fishing - No anglers shall fish at the lake between sunset and sunrise.
  - d) All anglers must fish from the platforms/swims/pegs provided.
  - e) All fish caught must be returned to the lake whether dead or alive.
  - f) Wildlife must not be disturbed by throwing stones or any missile.
  - g) The possession of catapults is strictly forbidden unless authorised from an authorised officer for fishing purposes only.
  - h) No lighting of fires.

- i) No person shall erect any non-permanent structure, including tents or pallet houses, in public spaces without prior authorisation.
  - j) No damage shall be done to the bankside, trees or water plants by digging, cutting or otherwise.
  - k) No person may remove, displace or otherwise interfere with any life saving equipment (except in an emergency).
  - l) No person may deposit in or on land controlled waste.
  - m) No person may enter the water at any time (except in an emergency situation).
  - n) 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 within the designated public space.
  - o) No person shall use foul or abusive language likely to cause harassment, alarm, or distress.
  - p) No person shall urinate or defecate in any public place
  - q) 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.
  - r) No boating on the lake.
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. Any challenges to this order must be made in the High Court by an interested person within six weeks of it being made. An interested person is someone who lives in, regularly works in or visits the restricted area. This means that only those who directly affected by the restrictions have the power to challenge. The right to challenge also exists where an order is varied by the Council.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Jones', written over a horizontal line.

Signed:

Community Safety and Wellbeing Manager

Dated: 30 March 2026

## Appendix:

A street plan of the restricted area edged in red.

