Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

North Somerset District Council (Weston-super-Mare Town Centre) Public Space Protection Order 2023

1. This Order may be cited as the North Somerset District Council (Weston-super-Mare Town Centre) Public Space Protection Order 2023.

2. This Order shall commence on the date it is made and cease to be of effect on the 12 October 2026.

3. This Order applies to the public spaces specified in Schedule 1 and imposes restrictions as set out in Schedule 2.

4. It is an offence for a person, without reasonable excuse:

(a) to do anything a person is prohibited from doing by schedule 2 of this order, or

(b) to fail to comply with a requirement to which the person is subject by schedule 2 of this order

5. A person guilty of an offence under condition (a) or (b) of article 4 of this order, is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale or fixed penalty notice of a maximum $\pounds100$

Dated 13 October 2023

The Common Seal of **North Somerset District Council** was affixed in the presence of the Assistant Director Governance and Monitoring Officer.

Ref 23/24 487

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Schedule 1

1. Public spaces within the boundary of the Town of Weston-super-Mare falling within the following categories



1.1 Any public space in the Town of Weston-super-Mare known as the Town Centre as shown on the attached plan

Schedule 2

Restrictions

1. No person shall collect charitable donations or sell periodicals except with consent of the council and full compliance with the following conditions

1.1 Fundraisers should always:

(a) Immediately terminate an engagement if a person clearly indicates, by word or gesture, that they do not wish to be engaged by a fundraiser.

(b) Wear clearly visible branded clothing

(c) Wear legally compliant ID badges

1.2 Fundraisers should not:

(a) Behave in any way that might reasonably cause members of the public to be or become startled or anxious.

(b) Behave in any way that might reasonably cause other passersby to be or become startled or anxious.

(c) Act dishonestly or manipulatively or deliberately seek to make a potential donor feel guilty.

(d) Behave in any other way that a reasonable person might judge brings the charity they are representing into disrepute.

(e) Sign up any person under 18 years of age.

(f) Sign up any person who they may have reasonable grounds for believing, in the course of their engagement with the individual, that they are in a vulnerable circumstances which mean they are unable to make a informed decision to donate.

(g) Take more than three steps alongside or in pursuance of a member of the public.

(h)Intentionally approach people conducting official duties on the High Street, ie uniformed officers.

(i) Approach members of the public who are seated on street furniture or are seated in the outdoor seating area of a private business.

(j) Position themselves within 3 metres of a shop entrance, pedestrian crossing, cashpoint machine, station entrance, market stall, street traders, Big Issue seller or busker.

(k) Leave bags unattended on the public highway.

(I) Suggest to any member of the public that the engagement they are attempting to initiate is "without commitment".

(m) Suggest to any member of the public that the engagement they are attempting to initiate is "not about money".

(2) If a Police Constable or Authorised Person reasonably believes that a person has acted contrary to the restrictions placed upon them by a Public Space Protection Order, they must provide their name and address when required to do so