

**Public Notice**

**Notice of Public Spaces Protection Order for the Borough of Castle Point**

**The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014**

**The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Publication of Public Spaces Protection Orders)  
Regulations 2014**

**The Public Spaces Protection Order – (Castle Point Borough Council) 2017**

Castle Point Borough Council hereby extends the following Public Spaces Protection Order requiring dog faeces to be removed forthwith.

The Order shall apply to all land which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment) within the administrative area of Castle Point Borough Council. This Order will be extended effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 for a period of 3 years.

It will be an offence for any person in charge of a dog (which defecates at any time on any land within the Borough of Castle Point covered by this Order) not to remove the faeces from the land forthwith. A person who fails to comply with any obligation imposed by this order is guilty of a criminal offence by virtue of Section 67(1) of the Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 and liable to a fine on summary conviction not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

The Order will not apply to a person who is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948, or to a person who has a disability which affects their mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454), Support Dogs (registered charity number 1088281) or Canine Partners for Independence (registered charity number 803680) and upon which they rely for assistance.

For the purposes of this order:

- 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;
- Placing the faeces in a receptacle on the land which is provided for the purpose, or for the disposal of waste shall be sufficient removal from the land;
- Being unaware of the defecation (whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise) or not having a device for or other suitable means of removing the faeces shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the faeces

The Order can be viewed on the Council's website [www.castlepoint.gov.uk](http://www.castlepoint.gov.uk) or copies can be viewed or obtained from Castle Point Borough Council, Council Offices, Kiln Road, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex, SS7 1TF.

The majority of dog owners in the Borough act responsibly and pick up after their dogs however this Public Spaces Protection Order has been made to encourage responsible dog ownership and to ensure those irresponsible persons are made to pay for their actions or lack off.

Signed



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