Coventry City Council Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, Section 60 St Michaels Ward and associated areas 2025

The Council of the City of Coventry ("the Council") hereby extends the following Public Spaces Protection Order (St Michaels Ward and associated areas) under Section 60 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

- 1. This Order shall come into operation on 9th June 2025 and shall have effect for a period of 3 years thereafter, unless extended by further orders under the Council's statutory powers.
- 2. This Order relates to St Michaels Ward and associated areas ("the Designated Area") as shown edged in red on the attached plan.
- 3. The Council is satisfied that the two conditions required by the Act have been met, in that:-
- a. activities carried on in the restricted area as described below have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or it is likely that these activities will be carried on in the public place and they will have such an effect;
- b. the effect, or likely effect, of the activities is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature, is, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable, and justifies the restrictions imposed by this Order.

By this Order

- 3. The purpose of this order is to prevent any activities associated with Child Exploitation, both sexual and criminal and any other type of anti-social behaviour in the Designated Area including but not limited to violence, including the use of weapons such as knives, alcohol misuse, drug taking and dealing, and abusive and intimidating behaviour and language.
- 4. The Council makes this Order because it is satisfied on reasonable grounds that groups of people within the Designated Area are and have carried out anti-social activities including the procurement of young people for criminal and sexual activities. These activities are persistent and continuing and have resulted in members of the community feeling intimidated and unsafe.
- 5. The effect of this Order is to prohibit the congregation of groups of 2 or more persons in the Designated Area where the behaviour of some or all members of the group has or is likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the community.

Offences under this section of the Public Space Protection Order:

- a. A person who breaches this section of the Order shall on summary conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.
- b. A Fixed Penalty Notice can be issued to offenders who breach this Order which if paid would discharge any liability to conviction for an offence under Section 67(1) of the Act.

Appeals

Any challenge to this Order must be made at the High Court by an interested person within six (6) 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 are directly affected by the restrictions have the right to challenge. The right to challenge also exists where an order is varied by the Council.

Interested persons can challenge the validity of the Order on two grounds:

- 1) that the Council did not have the power to make the Order or to include particular prohibitions or requirements; or
- 2) that one of the requirements of the legislation, for instance consultation, has not been complied with.

When an application is made, the High Court can decide to suspend the operation of the Order pending the Court's decision, in part or in whole. The High Court can uphold, quash, or vary the Order.

JULIE NEWMAN, Director of Law and Governance

Made under the Common Seal of Coventry City Council on this day

9th of June 2025

The Common Seal of the Council of the City of Coventry was hereunto affixed to this Direction in the presence of

Authorised Signatory

St Michaels Ward and associated areas:

