Appendix 1

COVENTRY CITY COUNCIL

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014, SECTION 59 PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (CITY CENTRE) 2026

This Order is made by Coventry City Council ("the Council") under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, Section 59 ("the Act").

This Order may be cited as the Public Spaces Protection Order (City Centre) and comes into force on 21 November 2026. This Order will have effect for a period of 3 years, until 21 November 2029.

1. This Order relates to the public space within the area edged in red on the plan of Coventry City Centre which appears at Appendix 1a, being public space in the Council's area to which the Act applies ("the Restricted Area").

2. This Order also relates to the public space within the area edged in purple on the plan of Coventry City Centre which appears at Appendix 1b, being public space in the Council's area to which the Act applies ("the E-bike/E-Scooter Restricted Area").

3. The Council is satisfied that the two conditions below 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 the Order.

BY THIS ORDER

4. The effect of the Order is to impose the following prohibitions and/or requirements in the Restricted Area at all times, unless specifically stated:

A. Engaging in any conduct that amounts to aggressive, pressuring, or harassing requests for money or donations

No person shall engage in behaviour within the Restricted Area that causes, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm, or distress to any other person. Without limiting the above, such behaviour includes but is not limited to the following examples:

(i) Persistent following of a person after a refusal of a request
(ii) Intentionally obstructing a person's path
(iii) Using threatening, abusive, offensive or intimidating language or behaviour
(iv) Accosting a person in a manner that impedes their movement
(v) Continuing to make a request for money or goods after being clearly asked to stop

Exemption:

For the avoidance of doubt, this prohibition does not apply to merely sitting, standing, or being present in the Restricted Area, nor to passively request assistance, where no harmful behaviour occurs.

B. Use of Amplification Equipment

Within the area shown as the City Centre Restricted Area on the enclosed map, a person must not, unless authorised by Coventry City Council, use amplification equipment. For the purposes of this prohibition, amplification equipment includes but is not limited to:

(i) Loudspeakers
(ii) Speakers
(iii) Microphones
(iv) Megaphones
(v) Loudhailers
(vi) Amplifiers
(vii) or any similar device designed to increase the volume of sound.

Exemption:

This prohibition does not apply where written authorisation has been granted by Coventry City Council. Authorisation may include (but is not limited to):

(i) organised events
(ii) authorised performances
(iii) council-approved promotional activity
(iv) other activities approved by the local authority.

Nothing in this Order is intended to prevent or restrict lawful protest, political campaigning, trade union activity, faith activity, or civic awareness-raising conducted peacefully. Where any such activity involves the use of amplification equipment or the erection, placing or maintenance of temporary structures, written authorisation may be required under Sections B and C.

C. Temporary structures

Within the area shown as the City Centre Restricted Area on the enclosed map, a person must not, unless authorised by Coventry City Council, erect, place or maintain any temporary structure unless authorised by Coventry City Council.

For the purposes of this prohibition, a temporary structure includes but is not limited to:

(i) gazebos
(ii) canopies
(iii) stalls
(iv) display stands
(v) or any similar structure designed to facilitate trading, promotion or gathering.

Any person directed by an authorised officer to remove a temporary structure must comply with that request. Failure to comply will leave them liable to enforcement.

Exemption:

This prohibition does not apply where written authorisation has been granted by Coventry City Council. Authorisation may include (but is not limited to):

(i) organised events
(ii) authorised markets
(iii) council-approved promotional activity
(iv) permitted demonstrations or gatherings
(v) activities authorised by the local authority.

D. Buskers and Street Performers

Any person is prohibited from performing contrary to the 'Coventry City Centre Code of Conduct for Performers' (see Appendix 2).

E. Pedal cycles, Skateboarding and manual scooters

Any person riding a pedal cycle, skateboarding or riding a manual scooter within the Restricted Area must do so in a careful and considerate manner and must dismount if requested to do so by an authorised officer when continuing to ride would cause a danger to the public or cause harassment, alarm or distress. Failure to comply will leave them liable to enforcement.

F. E-bikes and E-scooters outside the E-bike/E-Scooter Restricted Area

Any person riding, operating or otherwise using an E-bike or E-scooter outside of the (E-bike/E-Scooter) Restricted Area but within the wider Restricted Area shown edged red on the map at Appendix 1a (City Centre PSPO Map) must do so in a careful and considerate manner and must dismount if requested to do so by an authorised officer when continuing to ride would cause a danger to the public or cause harassment, alarm or distress. Failure to comply will leave them liable to enforcement.

G. E-bikes and E-scooters within the E-bike/E-Scooter restricted Area

No person shall ride, operate or otherwise use an E-bike or E-scooter within the E-bike/E-Scooter Restricted Area shown on the map shown edged in purple at Appendix 1b. A person may, however, dismount and push or walk alongside an E-bike or E-scooter through the E-bike/E-Scooter Restricted Area.

This prohibition does not apply where the use is expressly authorised in writing by Coventry City Council, or where the E-bike or E-scooter is supplied under a hire scheme operated by or on behalf of Coventry City Council and/or Transport for West Midlands and used in accordance with the terms of that scheme.

Exemption:

This prohibition does not apply to mobility scooters, or to a person who is using an E-bike or E-scooter as a mobility aid in circumstances where it is not reasonably practicable for that person to dismount and push; any device used under this exemption must be operated carefully and considerately at all times.

OFFENCES UNDER THIS PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER

a. A person who is guilty of an offence shall on summary conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

b. A Fixed Penalty Notice of £100.00 will be issued to offenders (reduced to £60.00 if paid within 14 days) which 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.

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JULIE NEWMAN, Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities

Made under the Common Seal of Coventry City Council on this day 7th of Sept 2026

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

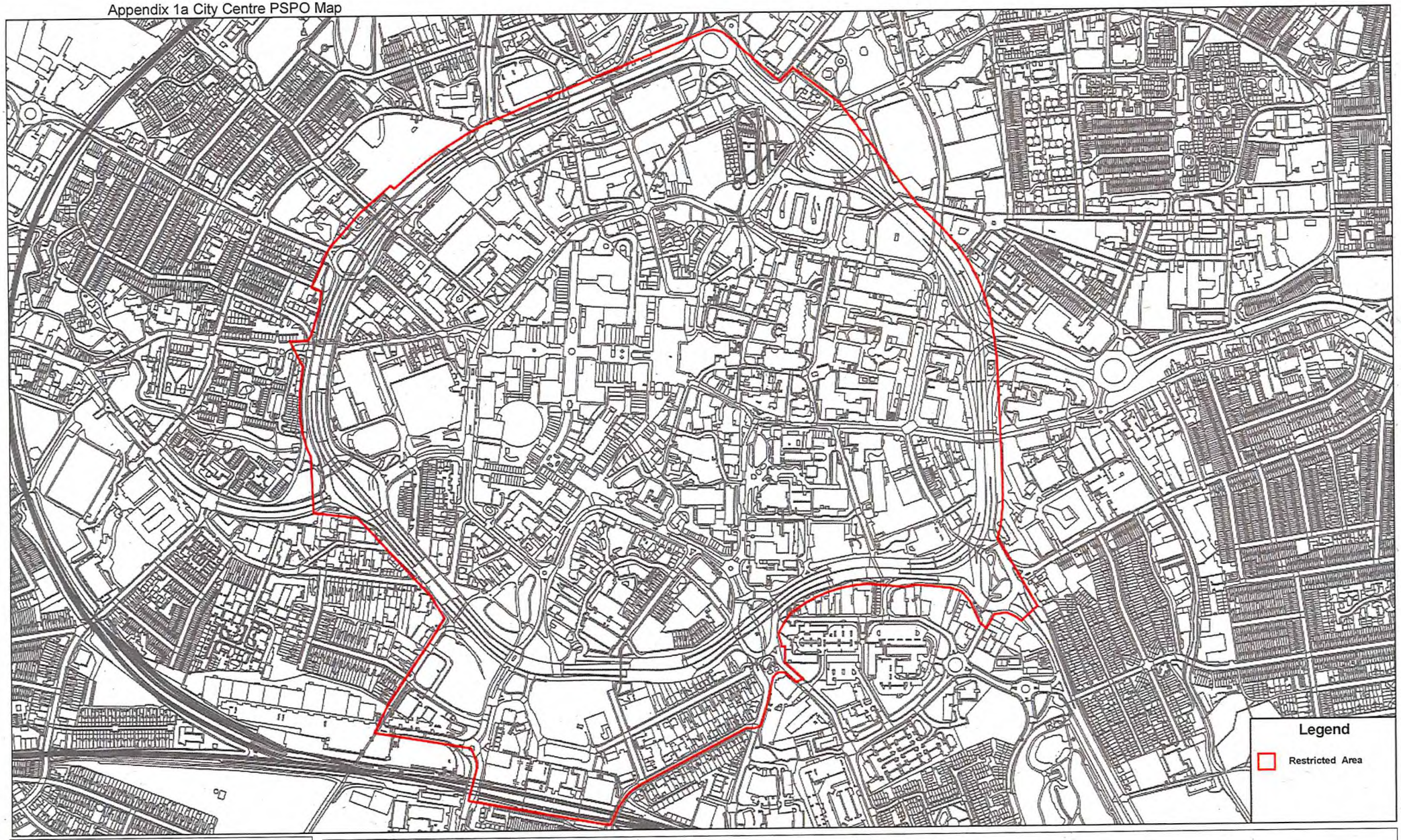
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Appendix 1a City Centre PSPO Map



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Appendix 1b - Pedestrianised Area



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Appendix 2 – Code of Conduct for Performers (effective November 21st 2026)

Coventry city centre code of conduct for performers

We recognise the role which buskers and performers they can play in improving the Streetscene and driving footfall which is to everyone's benefit.

Equally, we also recognise that in order to coexist and complement each other, there needs to be common courtesy between performers and businesses. In order to do this there are some basic rules that need to be observed.

In the first instance, we ask that any affected businesses speak to the performer to explain that they are adversely affecting their business; usually a small adjustment or slight relocation will resolve matters. If this cannot be amicably resolved, businesses should request support via the **Shopwatch radio system or call 08085 834333.**

Rules

1. a person must not, unless authorised by Coventry City Council, use amplification equipment. For the purposes of this prohibition, amplification equipment includes but is not limited to:

   Loudspeakers, Speakers, Microphones, Megaphones, Loudhailers, Amplifiers or any similar device designed to increase the volume of sound.

2. Exemption:

   This prohibition does not apply where written authorisation has been granted by Coventry City Council. Authorisation may include (but is not limited to):

   organised events, authorised performances, council-approved promotional activity.other activities approved by the local authority.

3. Volume levels must be relative and considerate. A simple test would be the volume is too loud if a standard conversation cannot be held in a nearby shop. Equally, if the volume can clearly be heard 50 metres away it is likely to be too loud and performers must modify their performance.
4. There is no limit on the number of performers, however they must not cause any obstruction on the public highway. Wheelchairs, pushchairs and similar must be able to easily get past and performers should be mindful of positioning themselves in any pinch-points where this is likely to be an issue.
5. Performers can select a pitch anywhere in the City Centre as long as it is public land.
6. The maximum length of time a performer can spend in a single location is 90 minutes, and they are not to return to the same location in the same day. This is to be fair to all and prevent a location being monopolised by anyone.
7. Performers may sell their own CDs and similar without the need for a trading permit, but there must be a sign making it clear that they are inviting donations for these goods. It is reasonable to suggest a minimum donation.
8. Any performer that is in a location where there is a pre-arranged event or booking must leave if requested to, or at least relocate accordingly. As much prior notice as possible will be given.
9. Street performers such as living statues, jugglers and similar must have their own public liability insurance of at least £5m.