



THE LONDON BOROUGH OF NEWHAM

Notice of Public Spaces Protection Order 2022 Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (Sex Work related Anti-Social Behaviour) (Proposed Order 4 of 2022)

Stratford, Forest Gate South, Green Street East, Green Street West, Little Ilford, Manor Park

1. Notice is hereby given that the London Borough of Newham Council ("the Council") proposes to introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order, pursuant to section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("Act"). This Notice is in compliance with the statutory requirements of section 72 of the Anti-social Behaviour Act 2014 to undertake the necessary consultation.
2. The effect of this Order will be to restrict activities listed below in paragraph 5.1 in the public places described as Restricted Area A in the Schedule of this Order and shown hatched in blue on the map annexed to this Order ("the Restricted Area").
3. This Order will remain in force for three years from the date of enactment.
 - 3.1 Restricted Area A comprises of all public spaces and highways in the six wards of Stratford, Forest Gate South, Green Street East, Green Street West, Little Ilford, Manor Park within the borough of Newham as shown outlined in blue on annexed map marked "Restricted Area A".
4. The Council is satisfied that the activities listed in paragraph 4.1 – 4.4 have been carried out within the Restricted Areas and that they have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality. The effect of the activities is of a persistent or continuing nature, and is such as to make the activities unreasonable and justifies the restrictions imposed by this Order.

The activities carried out are as follows:

Restricted Area A:-

- 4.1 Individuals engaging in activities that relate to sex work, namely presenting on the street along Romford Road and its junction roads, offering sexual services to passers-by, engaging in sexual activities in public spaces etc. at any time.
- 4.2 Individuals approaching other individuals on the street along Romford Road area with a view to purchasing sex, this can be kerb crawling in cars or other vehicles or approaching on foot. Concerns exist around impact of this behaviour on vulnerable persons selling sex and the associated risk of harm.
- 4.3 Associated activities of sex work causing anti-social behaviour affecting local residents, including sexual activities taking place in public, noise nuisance, driving and idling vehicles late at night, sex related litter left on streets, residents being solicited and harassed for sex on the street at all times of day and night.

- 4.4 That the effect, or likely effect of the activities described above is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable, and justifies the restrictions imposed by the Order.

5. This Order proposes to prohibit the following activities at all times:

- 5.1 In the restricted area any person who continues to carry out the following activities from which they are prohibited commits an offence:
1. No person shall be verbally abusive to any person or behave in a way which causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to another person.
 2. No person shall attempt to buy sexual services from another person.

7. Criminal Offence for Breach of Proposed Order:

- 7.1 Failure without reasonable excuse to comply with the prohibitions or requirements imposed in this proposed Order is a summary offence under section 67 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 Act. A person guilty of an offence is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (£1,000).
- 7.2 A Police Constable, a Police Community Support Officer, or an Authorised Council Officer may, under section 68 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, issue a Fixed Penalty Notice of £100 to any person he or she has reason to believe has committed an offence.

A draft of the proposed Order and annexed maps is available for inspection on the Council's website www.newham.gov.uk and at Newham Town Hall, Barking Road, East Ham, London, E6 2RP on any weekday between 9am to 5pm.

Formal consultation will run from 23 September 2022 - 23 October 2022 involving a public survey. This can be accessed at www.newham.gov.uk

Any representations regarding the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order not made via this survey must be made in writing to Lisa Hooper, Community Safety Manager, at London Borough of Newham, Newham Dockside, 1000 Dockside Road, London, E16 2QU or by email to communitysafetyteam@newham.gov.uk

SCHEDULE 1

RESTRICTED AREAS

Restricted Areas Location Description

Restricted Areas	Location Description
Restricted Area A Stratford, Forest Gate South, Green Street East, Green Street West, Little Ilford, Manor Park	All Roads and public spaces within ward boundary

Maps



Stratford, Forest Gate South, Green Street East, Green Street West, Little Ilford, Manor Park



Restricted Area A
Entire Wards of:

- Stratford
- Forest Gate South
- Green Street East
- Green Street West, Little Ilford
- Manor Park