

The County Council of Durham

Dog Control Public Space Protection Order August 2025

The County Council of Durham, by virtue of section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the Act) being satisfied that the conditions set out in section 59 and 72 of the Act have been met, hereby makes the following Public Space Protection Order.

General Provisions

- (1) The Order comes into force on 29th day of June 2025 and will remain in force for three years.
- (2) A person who fails to comply without reasonable excuse with any requirement and/or prohibition imposed by this Order is guilty of a criminal offence by virtue of section 67(1) of the Act and is liable to a fine on summary conviction not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- (3) A fixed penalty notice may be issued in accordance with section 68 of the Act as an alternative method of disposal of the offence.
- (4) The 'Restricted Area' is defined as any public place, within the local authority area shown edged red on the plan at Schedule 1, to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of a right or virtue of expressed or implied permission.
- (5) 'A person who is responsible' is defined as a person who is in charge of a dog whether on a permanent or temporary basis at the time of the offence.
- (6) An 'Authorised Officer' for the purposes of this Order is defined as a person authorised by Durham Constabulary or a person authorised by The County Council of Durham.

Part 1

Part 1 of this Order applies to the Restricted Area.

Requirements and Prohibitions

(1) Fouling

A person who is responsible for a dog that defecates on the Restricted Area must remove the faeces from the Restricted Area immediately.

(2) Allowing a dog to stray

A person who is responsible for a dog must not permit, allow or fail to prevent the dog from being unaccompanied on the Restricted Area.

(3) Failing to place a dog on a lead when directed by an Authorised Officer

A person who is responsible for a dog must place the dog on a lead when directed to do so by an Authorised Officer.

(4) Maximum number of dogs

A person who is responsible for more than one dog must not walk more than 6 dogs at any one time on the Restricted Area.

(5) Collar or Harness and Tag

A person who is responsible for a dog must ensure the dog is wearing a tag on a collar or harness with the owner's name, address and contact telephone number.

Part 2

Part 2 of this Order applies only to fenced off Play Areas/ Multi Use Games Areas (MUGA's) and tennis courts within the Restricted Area as set out in Schedule 2 (Dog Exclusion Areas)

Requirements and Prohibitions

(1) Allowing a dog into a Play Area

A person who is responsible for a dog must not permit/allow the dog to enter the Play Area or fail to prevent the dog from entering the Play Area.

(2) Allowing a dog into a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)

A person who is responsible for a dog must not permit/allow the dog to enter the Multi Use Games Area or fail to prevent the dog from entering the Multi Use Games Area.

(3) Allowing a dog to enter Tennis Courts

A person who is responsible for a dog must not permit/allow the dog to enter the Tennis Court or fail to prevent the dog from entering the Tennis Court.

Part 3

Part 3 of this Order applies only to Cemeteries, Churchyards, Crematoria and football pitches as set out in Schedule 3 (Dog Lead Areas)

Requirements and Prohibitions

(1) Failing to have a dog on a lead in Cemeteries, Churchyards and Crematoria

A person who is responsible for a dog must keep the dog on a lead and in close control whilst in cemeteries, churchyards and crematoria.

(2) Failing to have a dog on a lead on identified Sports Pitches

A person who is responsible for a dog must keep the dog on a lead and in close control whilst on identified sports pitches.

Exemption for Assistance Dogs

Where a person who is responsible for a dog wishes to rely upon an exemption set out in this Order, they must demonstrate that they satisfy the requirements of the exemption.

- (1) Part 1 of this Order shall not apply to a person who is on the Register as blind or partially sighted and is responsible for an Assistance Dog.
- (2) Part 2 of this Order shall not apply to a person who is on the Register and is responsible for an Assistance Dog.
- (3) For the purposes of this Order the 'Register' is defined as a register compiled under section 77 of the Care Act 2014.
- (4) For the purposes of this Order an 'Assistance Dog' is defined as:
 - a) a dog which has been trained to guide a blind or partially sighted person; or
 - b) a dog which has been trained to assist a deaf person; or
 - c) a dog which has been trained to assist a disabled person who has a disability that consists of epilepsy or otherwise affects the person's mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects.

Made this 1st day of August 2025 by

the affixing of the Common Seal of the County Council

of Durham by Order:

Authorised Signatory

(a permanent Officer of the County Council)

Seal number 601044

Schedule 1



Schedule 2

For the purposes of Part 2, the term 'Dog Exclusion Areas' includes:

1. All play areas that are fenced off which are owned and operated by Durham County Council; and
2. The Town and Parish play areas listed below:

Great Aycliffe Town Council

Council	Location
Great Aycliffe Town Council	West Park
Great Aycliffe Town Council	Horndale Park
Great Aycliffe Town Council	Simpasture Park
Great Aycliffe Town Council	Town Park
Great Aycliffe Town Council	Woodham Park
Great Aycliffe Town Council	Moore Lane Park
Great Aycliffe Town Council	St Oswalds
Great Aycliffe Town Council	Aycliffe Village
Great Aycliffe Town Council	Byerley Park
Great Aycliffe Town Council	Oakleaf Sports Complex
Great Aycliffe Town Council	Scott Place
Great Aycliffe Town Council	Cobblers Hall
Great Aycliffe Town Council	School Aycliffe

East Hedleyhope Parish Council

Council	Location
East Hedleyhope Parish Council	East Hedleyhope

West Auckland Parish Council

Council	Location
West Auckland Parish Council	New Street (Oakley Cross)

Brandon & Byshottles Parish Council

Council	Location
Brandon & Byshottles Parish Council	Broompark
Brandon & Byshottles Parish Council	Waterhouses

Spennymoor Town Council

Council	Location
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Spennymoor Town Council	Tudhoe
Spennymoor Town Council	Byers Green
Spennymoor Town Council	Wood Street
Spennymoor Town Council	Kirk Merrington
Spennymoor Town Council	Jubilee Park

Edmondsley Parish Council

Council	Location
Edmondsley Parish Council	Edmondsley

Evenwood Parish Council

Council	Location
Evenwood Parish Council	Ramshaw
Evenwood Parish Council	Evenwood

Gainford and Langton

Council	Location
Gainford and Langton	Gainford

Fishburn Parish Council

Council	Location
Fishburn Parish Council	Memorial Playing Field

Witton le Wear Parish Council

Council	Location
Witton le Wear Parish Council	School Street

Monk Hesleden Parish Council

Council	Location
Monk Hesleden Parish Council	Shaftesbury Avenue
Monk Hesleden Parish Council	High Hesleden Play Area
Monk Hesleden Parish Council	Corry Close
Monk Hesleden Parish Council	Hesleden Play Area (Scheme Houses)
Monk Hesleden Parish Council	Hart Crescent

Satley Parish Council

Council	Location
Satley Parish Council	Glebeside

North Lodge Parish Council

Council	Location
North Lodge Parish Council	Merln Drive
North Lodge Parish Council	Low Flatts

Middleton in Teesdale and Newbiggin Parish Council

Council	Location
Middleton in Teesdale and Newbiggin Parish Council	Wesley Terrace

Shildon Town Council

Council	Location
Shildon Town Council	Hackworth Park

Seaham Town Council

Council	Location
Seaham Town Council	Seaham Town Park
Seaham Town Council	Deneside Park
Seaham Town Council	Welfare Edith Street Dawdon
Seaham Town Council	Parkside
Seaham Town Council	Rainton Street Play Area (Dawdon)

Haswell Parish Council

Council	Location
Haswell Parish Council	Hutton Grove
Haswell Parish Council	Hessewelle Crescent
Haswell Parish Council	Windsor Terrace

Chilton Town Council

Council	Location
Chilton Town Council	Rushyford Park
Chilton Town Council	The Pentlands
Chilton Town Council	Miners Welfare Recreation Ground
Chilton Town Council	New South View
Chilton Town Council	Rushyford Park

Easington Colliery Parish Council

Council	Location
Easington Colliery Parish Council	Oak Road
Easington Colliery Parish Council	Memorial Park

Barnard Castle Town Council

Council	Location
Barnard Castle Town Council	Bouch Way
Barnard Castle Town Council	Scar Top
Barnard Castle Town Council	Marwood Drive
Barnard Castle Town Council	Green Lane

Trimdon Parish Council

Council	Location
Trimdon Parish Council	Trimdon Grange Play Park, Salters Lane, Trimdon Grange
Trimdon Parish Council	Trimdon Colliery

Thornley Parish Council

Council	Location
Thornley Parish Council	Galt Street

Bishop Middleham Parish Council

Council	Location
Bishop Middleham Parish Council	Play park

Lanchester Parish Council

Council	Location
Lanchester Parish Council	Park House, Station Road
Lanchester Parish Council	Kitswell Road
Lanchester Parish Council	Hollinside
Lanchester Parish Council	Hurbuck
Lanchester Parish Council	Manor Grange

Trimdon Foundry Parish Council

Council	Location
Trimdon Foundry Parish Council	Memorial Park

Stanhope Parish Council

Council	Location
Stanhope Parish Council	Frosterley
Stanhope Parish Council	Ashcroft
Stanhope Parish Council	Riverside
Stanhope Parish Council	Crawleyside
Stanhope Parish Council	Daddy Shield
Stanhope Parish Council	Ireshopeburn

Framwellgate Moor Parish Council

Council	Location
Framwellgate Moor Parish Council	KGV play park

Ferryhill Town Council

Council	Location
Ferryhill Town Council	Dean Bank
Ferryhill Town Council	King George V Playing Field
Ferryhill Town Council	Surtees Doorstep Green
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Belmont Parish

Council	Location
Belmont Parish	Polar Drive Play area
Belmont Parish	Belmont Community Centre
Belmont Parish	Cheveley Park Play area
Belmont Parish	Polar Road Play area

Framwellgate Moor Parish Council

Council	Location
Framwellgate Moor Parish Council	Shincliffe Play Area

Ouston and Urpeth Parish Council

Council	Location
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Willington Parish Council

Council	Location
Willington Parish Council	Trinity Gardens

Consett Parish Council

Council	Location
Consett Parish Council	Templetown play area
Consett Parish Council	Hardy Corner play area

3. All Multi Use Games Areas which are owned and operated by Durham County Council; and

South Hetton Parish Council

Council	Location
South Hetton Parish Council	Welfare Park

4. All Tennis Courts that are fenced off which are owned and operated by Durham County Council; and

South Hetton Parish Council

Council	Location
South Hetton Parish Council	Welfare Park

Shildon Town Council

Council	Location
Shildon Town Council	Hackworth Park

5. The Town and Parish Tennis Courts areas listed below:

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Schedule 3

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Coxhoe Parish Council

Council	Location
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2. All identified Sport Pitches which are owned and operated by Durham County Council; and

Coxhoe Parish Council

Council	Location
Coxhoe Parish Council	Linden Grove

Lanchester Parish Council

Council	Location
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South Hetton Parish Council

Council	Location
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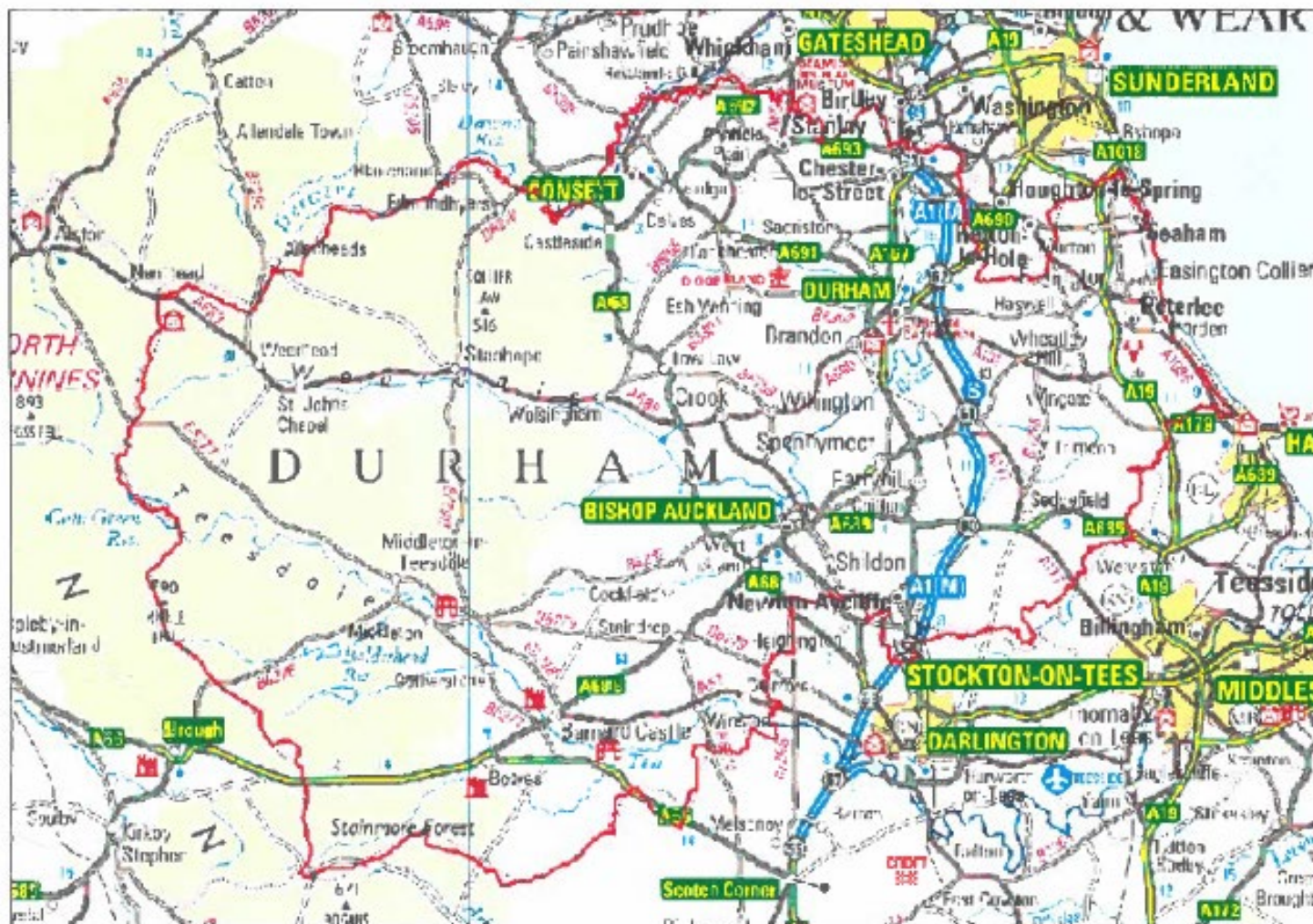


Authorised Signatory

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Schedule 1



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Schedule 2

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Great Aycliffe Town Council	Scott Place
Great Aycliffe Town Council	Cobblers Hall
Great Aycliffe Town Council	School Aycliffe

East Hedleyhope Parish Council

East Hedleyhope Parish Council	East Hedleyhope
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West Auckland Parish Council

West Auckland Parish Council	New Street (Oakley Cross)
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Brandon & Byshotles Parish Council

Brandon & Byshotles Parish Council	Broompark
Brandon & Byshotles Parish Council	Waterhouses

Spennymoor Town Council

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Spennymoor Town Council	Byers Green
Spennymoor Town Council	Wood Street
Spennymoor Town Council	Kirk Merington
Spennymoor Town Council	Jubilee Park

Edmondsley Parish Council

Edmondsley Parish Council	Edmondsley
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Evenwood Parish Council

Evenwood Parish Council	Ramshaw
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Gainford and Langton

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Fishburn Parish Council

Fishburn Parish Council	Memorial Playing Field
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Witton le Wear Parish Council

Witton le Wear Parish Council	School Street
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Monk Hesleden Parish Council

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Monk Hesleden Parish Council	Hart Crescent

Satley Parish Council

Satley Parish Council	Glebeside
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North Lodge Parish Council

North Lodge Parish Council	Merlin Drive
North Lodge Parish Council	Low Flatts

Middleton in Teesdale and Newbiggin Parish Council

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Shildon Town Council

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Chilton Town Council

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Easington Colliery Parish Council

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Barnard Castle Town Council

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Barnard Castle Town Council	Marwood Drive
Barnard Castle Town Council	Green Lane

Trimdon Parish Council

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Trimdon Parish Council	Trimdon Colliery

Thornley Parish Council

Thornley Parish Council	Galt Street
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Bishop Middelham Parish Council

Bishop Middelham Parish Council	Play park
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Stanhope Parish Council	Crawleyside
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Stanhope Parish Council	Ireshopeburn

Framwellgate Moor Parish Council

Framwellgate Moor Parish Council	XGV play park
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Ferryhill Town Council

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Belmont Parish

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