

**MORECAMBE AND LANCASTER PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER 2020
(DOGS EXCLUSION)**

Lancaster City Council ("the Council") has made the following Public Spaces Protection Order under section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act"):

This Dog Exclusion Order applies to

Happy Mount Park splash pool in Morecambe, all enclosed children's play areas and all enclosed sports pitches within the Lancaster District (as outlined in the map attached).

Dogs are banned from Morecambe's North and South beaches between 1 May and 30 September each year. For details of the areas covered by the ban please see the following maps:

- **[Dog control North Beach \(PDF, 236KB\)](#)**
- **[Dog control South Beach \(PDF, 306KB\)](#)**

This Order may be cited as the Morecambe and Lancaster Public Spaces Protection Order (Dogs on Lead by Direction) 2020 and came into force on 20th October 2020 for a duration of 3 years.

Offence :-

A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if at any time he takes the dog onto or permits the dog to enter or to remain on any land to which this order applies unless:

(a) He has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or

(b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

Nothing in this order applies to a person who:

(a) has a vision impairment, a certificate of vision impairment and is registered with their local Social Services as a person who is either severely sight impaired (blind) or is sight impaired (partially sighted) or

(b) is hearing impaired and requires the use of a hearing dog which has been specifically trained as a service dog for people with hearing impairment and upon which the person relies for assistance; or

(c) has a disability which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which he relies for assistance.

For the Purpose of this Act

(a) 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;

(b) a 'prescribed registered charity' is a charity that is a registered charity, that provides assistance dogs, to persons with vision impairment, a hearing impairment or a disability or mobility impairment.

Penalty

Under Section 67 of the Act it is an offence to fail to comply with this Order. A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (currently £1000).

A constable or an authorised person may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) to anyone that they reasonably believe has committed an offence. The amount of the FPN is £100, which is to be paid within 14 days of being issued with the notice. This sum will be reduced to £65 if paid within 7 days.