

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014

PART 4, SECTION 59

THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER PUBLIC SPACES (NUISANCE FROM VEHICLES) PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) 2024

This Order may be cited as the City of Westminster Public Spaces (Nuisance from Vehicles) Protection Order 2024.

The Lord Mayor and Citizens of the City of Westminster (“the Council”) makes this Order, being satisfied on reasonable grounds that the activities set out at paragraph 1 in the location described in paragraph 2 and the Schedule to this Order have had or are likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or it is likely that activities will be carried out within that area and have such an effect. The Council is also satisfied that the effect, or likely effect, of the activities is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature, and these activities are unreasonable and justify the restrictions imposed by the notice and that it is in all the circumstances expedient to make this Order for the purpose of reducing anti-social behaviour in a public place.

DURATION

This Order comes into force on 31 December 2024 and ends on 30 December 2027 unless extended by further orders under the Council’s statutory powers.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA

The Council of the City of Westminster hereby requires by way of this Order that:

1. The activities described below are hereby prohibited as from the date of this Order.
Between the hours of 12 noon and 6am in the location described in paragraph 2 of this Order anyone being the driver of a vehicle (motorised or otherwise) performs any of the following activities:
 - (a) Revving of engine(s) (as to cause a public nuisance);
 - (b) Sudden and/or rapid acceleration (as to cause a public nuisance);
 - (c) Repeated sudden and/or rapid acceleration (as to cause a public nuisance);
 - (d) Racing by two or more vehicles;
 - (e) Performing stunts (as to cause a public nuisance);
 - (f) Sounding horns (as to cause a public nuisance);
 - (g) Playing music from a vehicle (as to cause a public nuisance);
 - (h) Using threatening, intimidating behaviour towards another person; and
 - (i) Causing obstruction on a public highway, whether moving or stationary, including driving in convoy

EXTENT

2. The land in relation to which this Order applies is that land in the area of the City of Westminster namely which –
 - (a) is delineated and shown in red on the map forming part of this Order, and
 - (b) is briefly described in the Schedule to this Order.

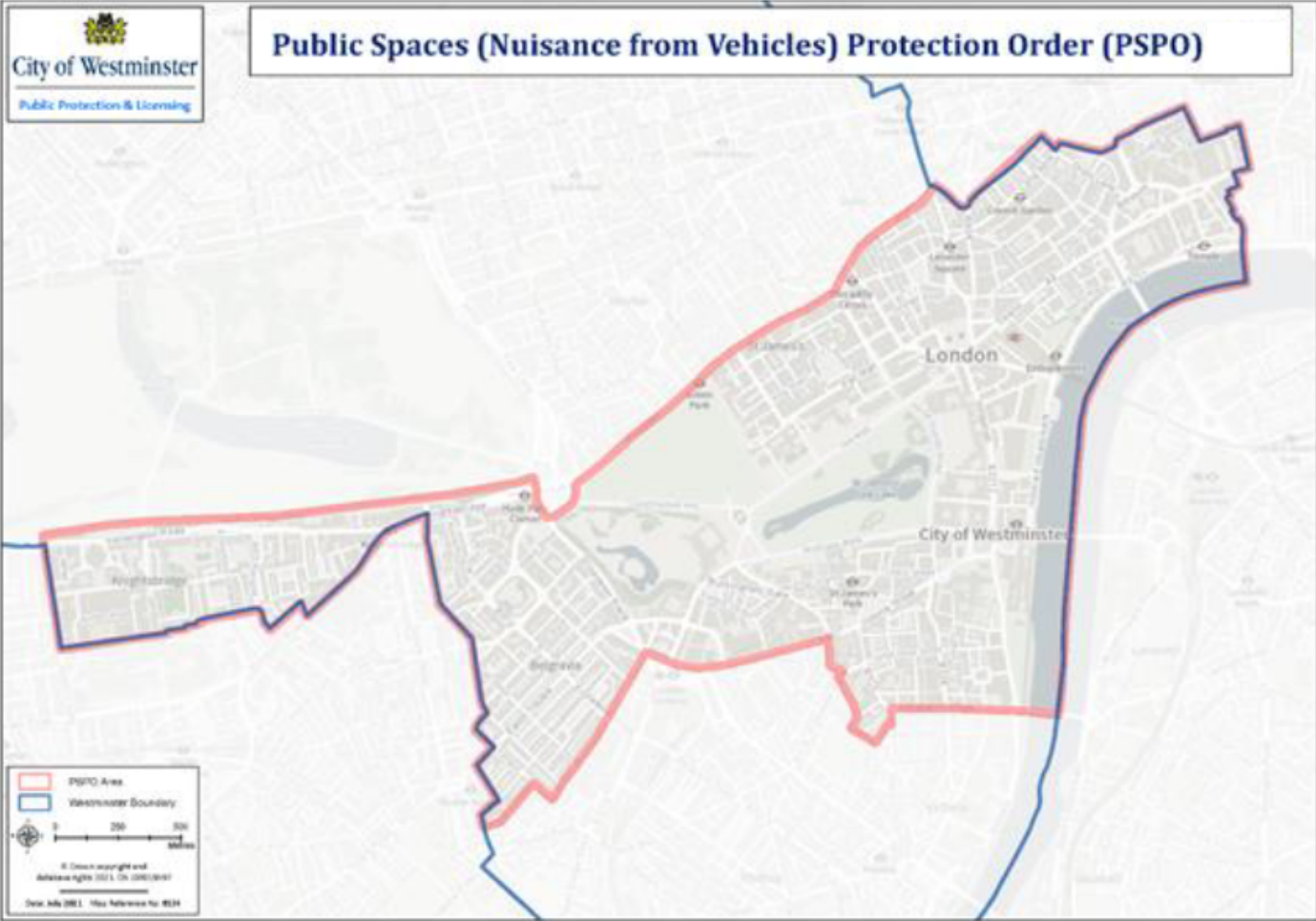
PENALTY

3. It is an offence for a person without reasonable excuse to engage in an activity that is prohibited by this Order. A person found to be in breach of this Order is liable on summary conviction to a maximum penalty of a level 3 fine or to a Fixed Penalty Notice up to £100. Enforcement of the offence can be undertaken by either a police officer or an authorised officer of the Council. An offence can be observed either in person or at the time of the breach or via a recording captured on an authorised acoustic enforcement camera installed in a street within the PSPO area

Dated: 31 December 2024

SCHEDULE

The area in or around Waterloo Place and Exhibition Road.



CHALLENGING THE VALIDITY OF ORDERS

An interested person may apply to the High Court to question the validity of –

- (a) This Order, or
- (b) A future variation of this Order.

“Interested Person” means an individual who lives in the restricted area or who regularly works in or visits that area.

An interested person may apply to the High Court within six weeks from the date in which the Order is made, on the grounds that:

- (a) The Council did not have the power to make the order or variation, or to include particular prohibitions or requirements imposed by the order (or by the order as varied);
- (b) a requirement under Chapter 2 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 was not complied with in relation to the order or variation.