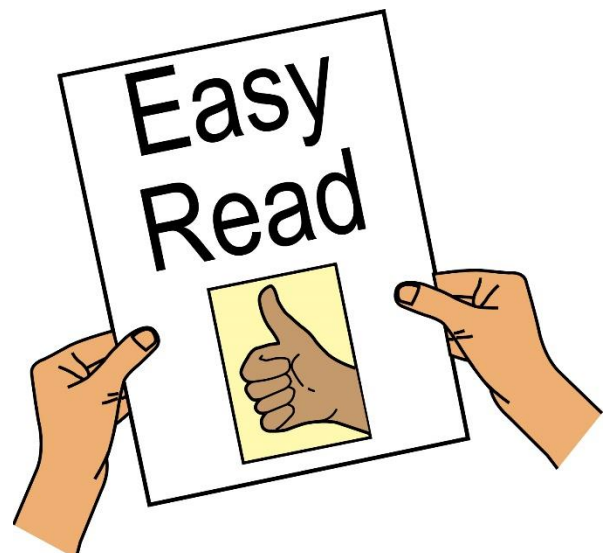


Public Space Protection Order



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Prohibiting the use of some e-bikes, e-scooters and other electronic vehicles along the pedestrian parts of the Thames Path

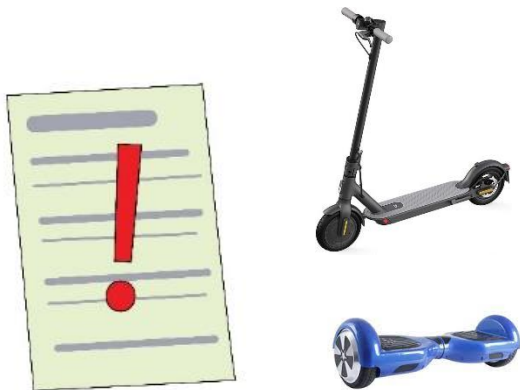


The Public Spaces Protection Order

Public spaces: in this document, this means any place that is open and accessible to people in the borough. This can mean places like roads, parks, public squares and beaches.

Order: in this document, this means an instruction or instructions from the council. By law, you must follow these instructions.

Public Space Protection Order: this is an Order which aims to deal with a problem or problems in the local area. These problems harm people in the community or affect their lives in a bad way. The Order aims to make sure that people can enjoy public spaces in their local area.

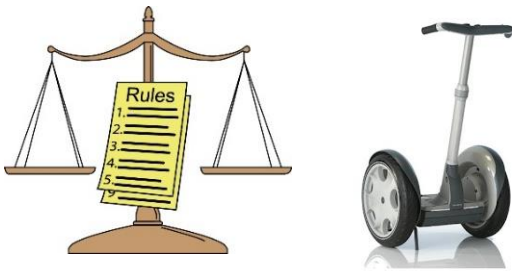


Prohibiting the use of some motorised vehicles on the Thames Path

Prohibiting: this means banning something by law.

Motorised vehicles: in this document, this means e-scooters, some e-bikes and other types of transport that are powered by an electric motor.

Introduction



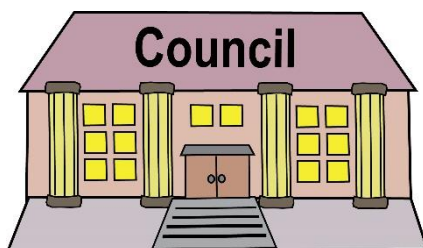
Hammersmith and Fulham Council are bringing in certain rules around motorised vehicles along the Thames Path.

Public Spaces Protection Order London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham Council

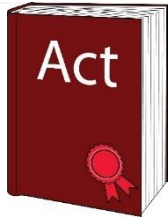
Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 Prohibiting the use of motorised vehicles on the Thames Path

Anti-social behaviour: this means any type of behaviour that upsets people in the community. It can be things like hanging around in the streets, being noisy, dropping litter, stealing or damaging things.

Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014: this is an act that was brought in by the government to deal with anti-social behaviour.



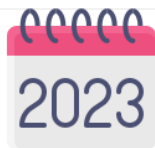
The Council of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham is making this Order.



It is using its powers under section **59**. This is part of the Anti-social Behaviour Act.



The order will prohibit the use of motorised vehicles in the area marked by the red line on this map. There is a bigger version of the map at the end of this document.



This Order comes into place in October 2023. It will last until October 2026.

The council will carry out the Order on the Thames Path, if:



The problem is causing harm to people living in the local area and affecting their lives in a bad way. Or it is likely that the problem will have this effect in the future.



The problem keeps happening. Or it is likely that the problem will keep happening.



The **restrictions** aim to deal with behaviour that is not reasonable.

Restrictions: this means limits that are put in place to deal with a problem.

The Restrictions



The restriction says that nobody should ride any motorised vehicle on the **pedestrian** part of the Thames Path.

Pedestrian: here, this means the part of the path where people walk.



This includes:

- Segways
- Quad bikes
- Hoverboards
- Some E-bikes.
- E-scooters, this means any scooter with an electric motor.



Here are the only reasons why you would not have to follow these rules:

- The person using the motorised vehicle is a Disabled person or anyone with less mobility. They use any electric powered vehicle as a mobility aid.
- The person using the motorised vehicle is a parent or carer using electric powered vehicles to transport children.
- The bike meets the rules set out by **The Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles Regulation 2015.**

The Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles Regulation 2015: this is a list of rules that sets out the standards that E-bikes must meet. If the bike meets these standards, it will not be seen as a motor vehicle. It can be used as a non-motor vehicle on roads in the UK.



**250
Watts**



**15.5
miles
per hour**

To not be classed as a motor vehicle, the E-bike must meet these rules:

- It must be fitted with pedals that can be used to push the bike forward
- The power of the electric motor must not be more than 250 Watts
- If the bike goes up to a certain speed, the electric motor must cut off. The motor must cut off at 15.5 miles per hour.

How long will the Order last for?



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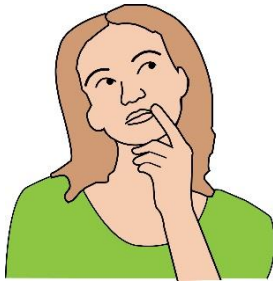
However, by law, the Council can use its powers to make the Order last longer.

The Council can review and change the terms of the Order at any point before it runs out.



The Council can also get rid of the Order at any time. They can do this if they have a good reason to support this decision.

What happens if you don't follow the rules in this Order?



A person must follow the order. They:

- Must not do anything that the Public Space Protection Order says they can't do.
- Must do the things that the Public Space Protection Order asks them to do.



Any person who does not meet the rules in this Order will have to pay a fine. Unless they have a good reason for their behaviour.

Fixed Penalty

Fixed Penalty Notice: this is a notice that gives a person the opportunity to pay a fine. If they choose not to pay this fine, they have to go to court instead.



These people can give out fixed penalty notices:

- The council's Law Enforcement Officers. This means people who are hired by the council to make sure laws are met.
- Police Officers
- Police Community Support Officers
- Other people who have been given permission to carry out the Order.

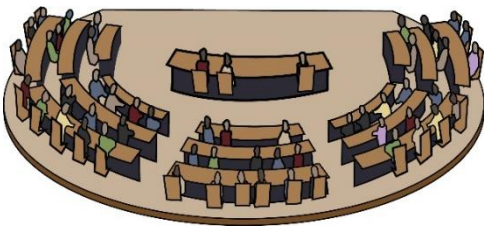


PENALTY

A person who breaks the rules of the Order will have 14 days to pay the fixed penalty.

They must pay £100. Or, if they pay the fine within 7 days, they can pay £60.

If they don't pay the fine they might be taken to court.



Appeals

Appeal: this means when a person challenges a decision that they don't agree with.



Any challenge to this Order must be made to the **High Court**.

High Court: This is a court of law that deals with very serious or important cases.



The person must challenge the Order within 6 weeks after it has been made.



The person who challenges an Order must be somebody who lives in the **restricted area**. Or, they can be somebody who works in or visits the restricted area often.

Restricted areas: in this document, this means areas in Hammersmith and Fulham where people must follow the rules set out in this Order.



This means people who are affected in a direct way by the Order.

Only these people have a right to challenge the restrictions set out in the Order.



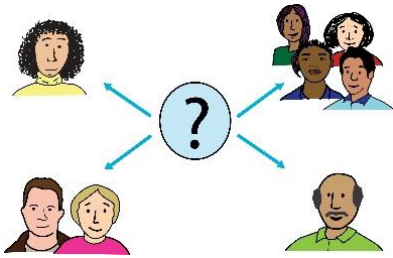
People can also challenge the Order if the Council makes changes to it.



In this case, people can challenge the Order for two reasons:



- If they think that the council did not have the power to make the Order.

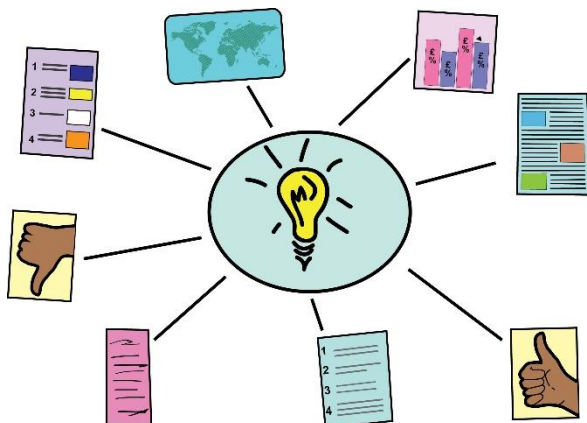


Or if they think that the council didn't have the power to make some of the rules in the Order.

- If they think that the law has not been met by the council.

For example, if the council have not carried out a **consultation** before bringing in an Order.

Consult or Consultation: this is when people who might be affected by a change or decision are asked for information about how it will affect them.

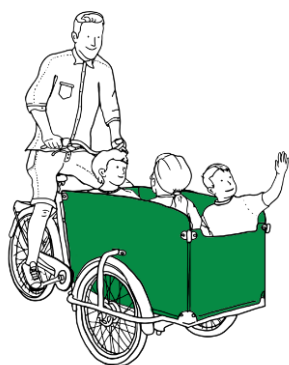


When an application is made, the High Court makes its decision. They can decide to:

- Put the Order on hold until a final decision is made
- Keep the Order in place
- Change the Order
- Get rid of the Order

Exemptions

Exemption: this means when you don't have to follow a rule or do something that other people have to do.



These people don't have to follow the Order:

Some Disabled people use a mobility scooter or other vehicle for access reasons. Some people who struggle to walk or travel also use different vehicles.

Some parents or carers use electric bikes to transport children around.

Some people have authorised vehicles which are permitted on the Thames Path.

They will not have to follow the rules in this Order.

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Restricted Areas



The restricted areas for this Order are marked on the map on the next page.

The red line shows where motorised vehicles are prohibited.



