Commencement and title and interpretation

The Council of the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham (herein this Order called “the Authority”) in exercise of its powers under section 55 of The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, The Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties, etc.) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/1) and all other enabling powers, hereby makes the following order.

1. This Order comes into force on 15th March 2007.

2. This Order applies to the land specified in schedule 1.

3. This Order shall be cited as ‘The Dogs on Leads by Direction (Hammersmith & Fulham) Order 2006’.

4. In this Order, “an authorised officer of the Authority” means an employee of the Authority who is authorised in writing by the Authority for the purpose of giving directions under this Order.

Offence

5. (1) A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, on any land to which this Order applies he does not comply with a direction given to him by an authorised officer of the Authority to put and keep the dog on a lead, 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.
(2) For the purposes of this article –

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. An authorised officer of the Authority may only give a direction under this Order to put and keep a dog on a lead if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, on any land to which this Order applies, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal or bird.

Penalty

6. A person who is guilty of an offence under article 5 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

5th March 2007
Assistant Director of Public Protection & Safety
London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham

[SCHEDULE 1]

This Order shall apply to all areas of land which are open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment) within the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham.

[SCHEDULE 2]

This Order shall apply at all times.