

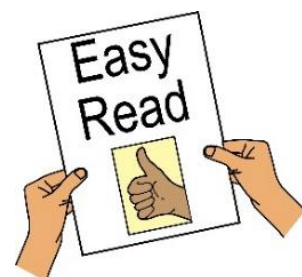
Drinking Alcohol in Public Spaces – The Public Spaces Protection Order



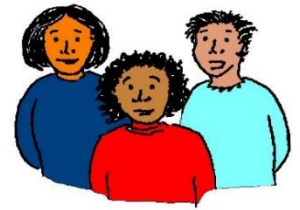
Public Spaces Protection Order: in this document, this means the powers that police officers and the council have to ask people to stop drinking in public spaces. This is to help people drink alcohol in a sensible and responsible way. This order gives powers to the police and the council in Hammersmith and Fulham.

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

This is an Easy Read translation



Helping people to drink alcohol in a sensible and responsible way.



In summer 2020, we asked our **residents** about drinking alcohol in public places.



Residents: in this document, this means people living in Hammersmith and Fulham.

Should the council and police have powers to stop people drinking alcohol in public? Would this stop **anti-social behaviour** from happening?

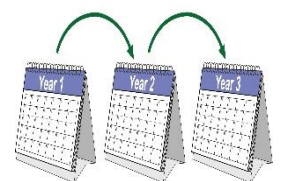


Anti-social behaviour: this means when people do or say things that upset other people in the community. This can be things like hanging around in the streets, being noisy, dropping litter, stealing or damaging things. There are lots of other types of anti-social behaviour.

Nearly 9 out of 10 people said yes. If anti-social behaviour is happening, the police and council should be able to stop people drinking.



The police and council have been given the powers to stop people drinking for 3 more years. They will have these powers until 19 October 2023.



The Public Spaces Protection Order means that they can use these powers by law. This order will be used to stop anti-social behaviour across the whole of the borough.



What powers do the police and council have?

Police and council officers can ask people to stop drinking in public places. They can ask them to give them their alcohol or to throw it away.



They can ask them to do this if they think the alcohol is leading to anti-social behaviour. They can also ask them to do this if they think that the alcohol could lead to anti-social behaviour.



If people say no to this, they might have to pay a fine of £100. They might even face **prosecution**.



Prosecution: this means when a person has a trial to see whether or not they are guilty of committing a crime.

The Public Spaces Prosecution Order is in place in all public places in Hammersmith & Fulham.



Why do the police and council need these powers?

These powers should help to make sure that residents and visitors have the right to enjoy drinking alcohol in a sensible and responsible way. These powers should also help to stop anti-social behaviour.



The police and council have had these powers since 2017. These powers help to make sure that our streets and parks are safe for everyone to enjoy.

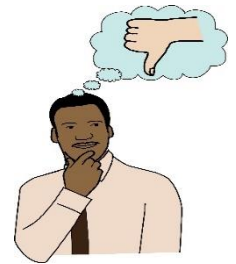


You can read a full copy of the Public Spaces Protection Order [here](#).



Who to get in touch with if you want to report drinking and anti-social behaviour:

If you see somebody drinking alcohol in a public place and doing something that you think is anti-social behaviour, you can report it.



If this is happening in parks and open spaces, you can get in touch with:



Parks Police

Their phone number is: 020 8753 5999



Their email address is: ParksPolice@lbhf.gov.uk



If you see some drinking and anti-social behaviour in other public areas, you can get in touch with:



Neighbourhood Wardens

Their phone number is: 020 8753 2645



Their email address is: nws@lbhf.gov.uk



For more information about the Public Spaces Protection Order, get in touch with:



Community Safety Unit

Their phone number is: 020 8753 2816



Their email address is: CSU@lbhf.gov.uk

