



London Borough of Newham

The Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014

**THE LONDON BOROUGH OF NEWHAM (STREET HARASSMENT)
PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER 2025**

WHEREAS the London Borough of Newham (“the Council”) is satisfied that the requirements of sections 59 and 72 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (“the Act”) have been satisfied and that it is, in all the circumstances, appropriate to make this Order.

WHEREAS The Council is satisfied that the two conditions below have been met, in that

- activities carried on in the restricted area as described below have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or it is likely that these activities will be carried on in a public place and they will have such an effect;
- the effect, or likely effect, of the activities is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature, is, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable, and justifies the restrictions imposed by the Order.

WHEREAS the Council has had particular regard to the rights of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly set out in articles 10 and 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

THE COUNCIL MAKES the following Order in exercise of its powers under section 59 of the Act. This Order comes into force on “X and ends on unless extended by further Orders under the Council’s statutory powers. The PSPO will remain in place for a maximum term of 3 years, subject to any variation or extension.

This Order applies to all public spaces. This means areas of land which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment) within the London Borough of Newham.

The Order imposes that:

No person/s shall direct or use threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour of a sexual nature towards another person or group where such behaviour is likely to undermine their sense of safety in a public space. Such behaviour includes – but is not limited to;

- Unsolicited sexualised or obscene comments, propositions or gestures
- Persistent questioning or following someone
- Non-consensual physical contact
- Cat-calling and inappropriate whistling
- Hate and abuse based on someone's protected characteristics such as race, religion, gender, sex, and sexual orientation

Penalty

Any person who fails without reasonable excuse to comply with any of the requirements or prohibitions in this Order shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 (currently £1,000) on the standard scale.

Fixed Penalty

Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers and the Council's Community Safety Enforcement Officers and other authorised personnel can issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) to people who fail to comply with any of the requirements in this order. A person committing an offence will have 14 days to pay the fixed penalty of £100 (or £80 if paid within 10 days), failing which they may be prosecuted.

For the avoidance of doubt the proposed PSPO covers the entire borough of Newham to the borough boundary as shown below:



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