

# DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION

## Colchester Borough Council

### Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

#### **THE COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL (MILL ROAD SPORTS GROUND) PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER 2020**

The Colchester Borough Council ("the Council") makes this Order under section 59 of the 2014 Act, having consulted as required by section 72.

The Order takes effect on 1 November 2020 and has a duration of 1 years.

It applies to the public place formed by the area at Mill Road Sports Ground ("The Restricted Area") which is shown on the plan attached to the Order.

The Council is satisfied that activities have been carried out in this Restricted Area which have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality. Further, it is satisfied that the effect of these 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 the effect justifies the restrictions imposed.

The activities carried out are as follows:

Mill road sports ground provides for hire a number of rugby pitches and cricket squares and is the home ground of Colchester Rugby Club. The pitches are also used by members of the public to exercise their dogs. Complaints have been received regarding the volume of dog fouling in the area and the failure of some owners to pick up after fouling. This is particularly of concern in arears where young children play, and on sports pitches where players frequently slide on the surface.

#### **The Council therefore under section 59(4) prohibits:**

1. An exclusion of dogs from the sports pitches areas of the sports ground (hatched red on the plan)

#### **and requires:**

2. Dogs to be kept on a lead on non-sports pitch arears (within blue boundary line on the plan)

3. If a dog defecates on any of the land in the restricted area a person who is in charge of the dog at that time must remove the faeces from the land forthwith.

Failure without reasonable excuse to comply with the prohibitions or requirements imposed by this Order is a summary offence under section 67 of the 2014 Act.

A person guilty of an offence under section 67 is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

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A constable or an authorised person may under section 68 of the 2014 Act issue a fixed penalty notice to anyone he or she has reason to believe has committed an offence under section 67 in relation to this Order.

Signed:

By authority of the Colchester Borough Council under section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972

**This order is not yet made, and any comments should be addressed Jay  
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by 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020**