

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014, SECTION 59

Durham County Council

Low Force, High Force, Gibson's Cave and surrounding area, Upper Teesdale

This Order is made by Durham County Council ("the Council") under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 Section 59 ("the Act").

1. This Order relates to the Low Force, High Force, Gibson's Cave and surrounding area, Upper Teesdale, as defined by the Schedule Plan attached to this Order. The land is described by the map attached and shown edged in red being the land to which the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 applies. This is a public place in the Council's area to which the Act applies, this Order may be cited as the Low Force, High Force and Gibson's Cave Public Spaces Protection Order 2021.
2. The Council is satisfied that the activities listed have been carried out within the Restricted Area (Schedule attached) and that they have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality. The effect of these activities is of a persistent and continuing nature and is such to make the activities unreasonable and justifies the restrictions imposed by this order.
3. The effect of this Order is to prohibit the following activities in public spaces within the restricted area, as follows:
 - a) Behaving in a way, including by congregating in a group, that causes or is likely to cause harassment, obstruction or concern for safety to another person in a public place;
 - b) Threatening and/or abusing people within the restricted area;
 - c) Continuing to consume alcohol when required to stop doing so by any authorised officer;
 - d) Being under the influence of controlled drugs or other psychoactive substance;
 - e) Throwing objects which are liable to cause damage, nuisance, or injury to any person, animal or structure.
 - f) Lighting or being in control of a fire or barbecue.
 - g) Camping/ sleeping overnight

An "Authorised Officer" is any Police Officer, Police Community Support Officer, or an Officer designated by the Council. In the Restricted Area a person commits an offence if without reasonable excuse he or she fails to

surrender any alcohol in his or her possession when required to do so by an Authorised Officer. This Order cannot be used to restrict the consumption of alcohol where the premises or its curtilage (a beer garden or pavement seating area) is licensed for the supply of alcohol (other than council operated licences premises). There are also limitations where a temporary event notice has been given under Part 5 of the Licensing Act 2003, or where the sale or consumption of alcohol is permitted by virtue or permission granted under section 115E of the Highways Act 1980.

4. The Order will remain in force for a period of 3 years from the date of this Order, unless extended by further Orders under the Council's statutory powers. Failure, without reasonable excuse to comply with the prohibitions or requirements imposed in this Order is a summary offence under Section 67 of the Anti-Social, Crime & Policing Act 2014. A person guilty of an offence is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale. An Authorised Officer may, under Section 68 of the 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.

Given Under the Common Seal of Durham County Council on the

Date: xxxx

Authorised Officer: