

**Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council**  
**Public Spaces Protection Order (Mill Road Car Park)**

**Number 3 of 2020**

I, Colin Huntington, Strategic Director of Communities and Environment, on behalf of Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council (“the Council”) in exercise of the power under sections 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour , Crime and Policing Act 2014 (“the Act”), being satisfied that the conditions set out in section 59 of the Act have been met and that section 72 of the Act has been complied with make the following order:

1. The land described by the map attached and shown edged red being land in the area of the Council is land to which the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 applies and will be protected by the making of this Order
2. The order may be cited as the Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council Public Spaces Protection Order (Mill Road Car Park) and shall come into force on 7 July 2020 for the duration of three years.
3. The Council is satisfied that:
  - a) The activities set out at paragraph 4 below have had a detrimental effect to the quality of life of those living in the locality
  - b) The effect or likely effect of the activities
    - (i) Is or is likely to be of a persistent and continuing nature,
    - (ii) Is or is likely to be such as to make the activities unreasonable and
    - (iii) Justifies the restrictions imposed by this Order
4. The following activities have caused a detrimental effect to the quality of life of those in the locality-
  - a) Large numbers of vehicles gathering in the Gateshead Quays, Mill Road Car Park, Gateshead, NE8 5JB for the purposes of a car rally causing congestion and inconvenience to customers and residents.
  - b) Parking spaces being taken up by rally spectators and participants.
  - c) Rubbish and litter being left behind by rally spectators and participants.
  - d) Loud music, shouting, public urination
  - e) Persons driving in a dangerous and anti social manner, for example racing, donuts and burn –outs.
  - f) Leaving, entering and driving in the car park at speed
  - g) Parking up and causing excessive noise by playing loud music, revving car engines and sounding horns
5. The effect of this order is to impose the following conditions on the use of the land:
  - a) Any person breaching the conditions below will commit an offence:

- i) No person shall attend the area whether in control of a vehicle or otherwise to watch or participate in a car rally, where a car rally is a meeting of two or more motor vehicles for the purpose of socialising, display, comparison, promotion or any other purpose other than the legitimate use of the car park.
- ii) No person shall use their motor vehicle in a way which causes or is likely to cause nuisance to people living in the locality, in particular driving at excessive speed, racing, spinning wheels so as to leave burnt rubber on the road surface, revving engines or sounding horns.
- iii) No person shall act in such a way which causes or is likely to cause nuisance to people living in the locality in particular shouting, playing loud music, dropping litter and urinating in public.

b) A person guilty of an offence by breaching conditions a) (i) –(iii) above under section 67 of the Act is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (£1000) or a fixed penalty notice of a maximum of £100.

6. The restrictions stated in paragraph 5 apply to all persons.

7. Under section 66 of the Act, an interested person (as defined in that section) may apply to the High Court to question the validity of this Order on the grounds that the Council had no power to make it or that any requirement of the Act has not been complied with in relation to this order. Such an application must be made within 6 weeks of the date this order was made.



Order made by:

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Colin Huntington

Strategic Director, Communities and  
Environment

Gateshead Council

Date:

07/07/2020