



**West  
Northamptonshire  
Council**

## **West Northamptonshire Council (Car Cruising) Public Spaces Protection Order 2025**

West Northamptonshire Council ("the Council") makes the following Public Spaces Protection Order under section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act").

The land described by the area of the map at Appendix 1 ("the Restricted Area") being land in the administrative area of the Council to which the public or any section of the public have access, on payment or otherwise, as right or by virtue of express or implied permission, is land to which the Act applies and will be protected by this Order.

The Order may be cited as the West Northamptonshire Council (Car Cruising) Public Spaces Protection Order 2025.

### **Prohibitions**

All persons are prohibited at all times from the following within the Restricted Area;

1. Participating in car cruising activity as a passenger or driver of a vehicle within the area designated.
2. Congregating in an area to spectate cruising activity undertaken in the designated area.

Definition of car cruising:

- a) Driving a motor vehicle at excessive speed or in a manner causing or likely to cause a nuisance.
- b) Revving the engine of a motor vehicle causing or likely to cause a nuisance.
- c) While driving, sudden or rapid acceleration of a motor vehicle causing or likely to cause a nuisance.
- d) Driving motor vehicles in a convoy in a manner causing or likely to cause a nuisance in the restricted area.
- e) While driving a motor vehicle racing other motor vehicles causing or likely to cause a nuisance.
- f) Leaving the engine of a stationary motor vehicle to run idle in a manner causing or likely to cause a nuisance.
- g) Performing stunts using a motor vehicle in a manner causing or likely to cause a nuisance to persons in the locality of the restricted area. Stunts include but are not limited to: handbrake turns, drifting, wheelies, wheel spins and doughnuts.

- h) Sounding motor vehicle horns other than in accordance with the highway code in a manner causing or likely to cause a nuisance.
- i) Playing amplified music from or powered by motor vehicle in a manner causing or likely to cause a nuisance.
- j) Causing obstruction on a public highway, whether moving or stationary in a manner causing or likely to cause a nuisance.

### **Interpretation**

“Authorised Person” means any person authorised in writing by the Council to enforce the above prohibitions and to make requirements permitted by this Order and the Act.

“Nuisance” is defined as including but is not limited to: excessive noise; danger or risk of injury; damage or significant risk of damage to property; significant risk of harm; significant public nuisance or annoyance.

### **Enforcement**

Under section 63 of the Act, failure to comply with any requirement made by a Constable or Authorised Person following breach of the 3rd prohibition is an offence, for which any person will be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £500.

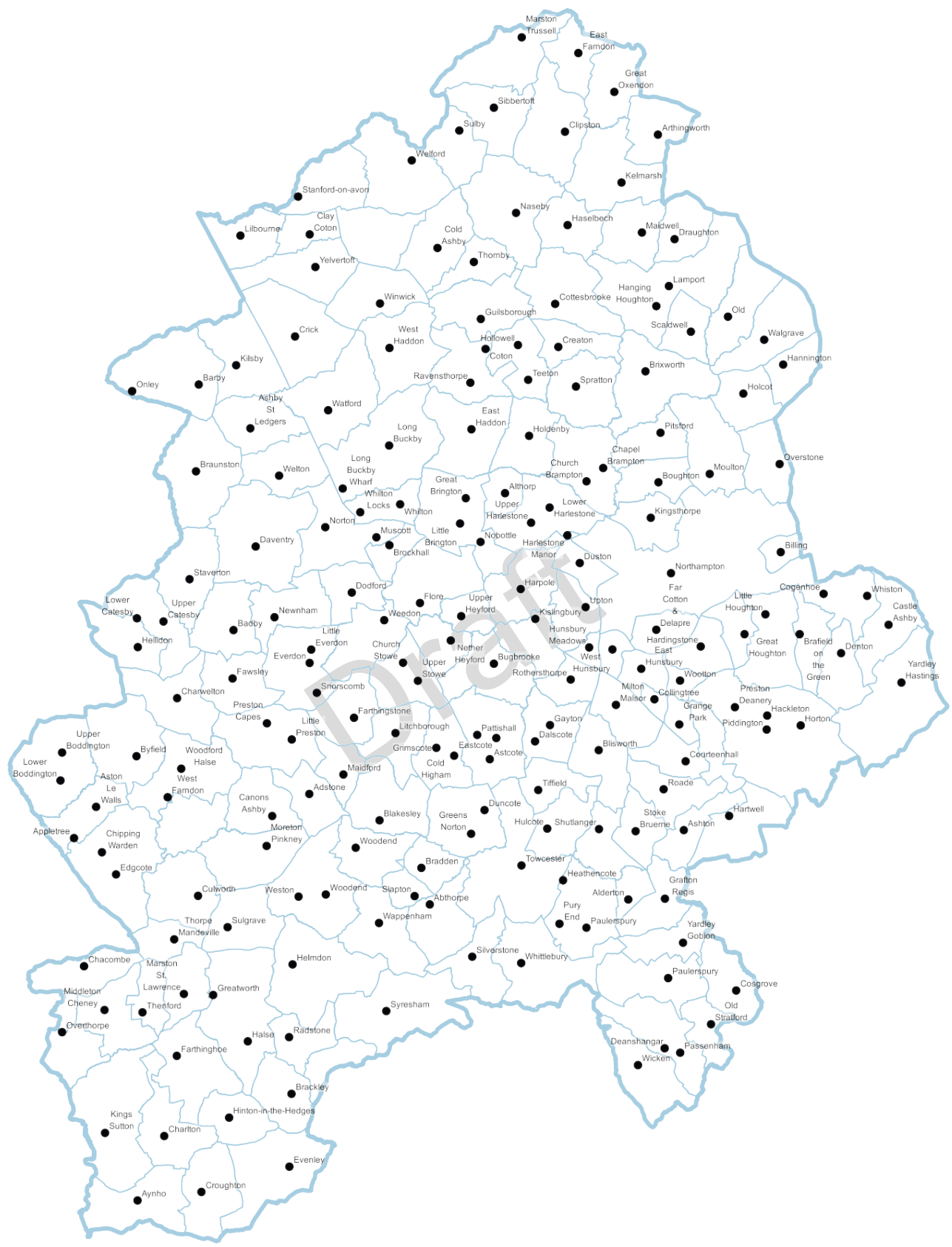
Under section 67 of the Act, breach of any of the other prohibitions and the above requirement in this Order is an offence, for which any person will be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £1000.

Any person committing either offence may be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice (“FPN”) of £100 as an alternative to prosecution, but only if paid within 14 days of issue.

In consulting upon the prohibitions within this Order and upon making it, the Council has had particular regard to the rights of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly as set out in Articles 10 and 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights

This Order comes into force on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 for a period of three years from that date. It may be extended pursuant to section 80 of the Act.

# APPENDIX 1 - West Northamptonshire "Restricted Area" map



West Northamptonshire administrative area proposed to be covered by the PSPO

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