

**MORECAMBE AND LANCASTER PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER 2020
(DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION)**

Lancaster City Council ("the Council") has made the following Public Spaces Protection Order under section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act"):

This order applies to all land within the District of Lancaster (as outlined in the map attached at Appendix A), which is open to the air, including land which is open on at least one side and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access with or without payment.

This Order may be cited as the Morecambe and Lancaster Public Spaces Protection Order (Dogs on Lead by Direction) 2020 and came into force on 20th October 2020 for a duration of 3 years.

In this Order an 'authorised officer of the Authority' means an employee of the Authority who is authorised in writing by the Authority for the purpose of giving directions under this order.

Offence :-

A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if at any time, on any land to which this order applies he does not comply with a direction given to him by an authorised officer of the Authority to put and keep the dog on a lead of not more than 2 metres in length, unless he has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so.

For the Purpose of this Act

(i) A person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time, unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog and.

(ii) an authorised officer of the Authority may only give a direction under this order to put and keep a dog on a lead if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance, fear or disturbance to any other person or the worrying or disturbance of any animal or bird

Penalty

Under Section 67 of the Act it is an offence to fail to comply with this Order. A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (currently £1000).

A constable or an authorised person may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) to anyone that they reasonably believe has committed an offence. The amount of the FPN is £100, which is to be paid within 14 days of being issued with the notice. This sum will be reduced to £65 if paid within 7 days.