

# **The Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council Public Spaces Protection Order [2020]**

Pursuant to powers granted to the Council under s.59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council has made the following Order:

From 12 April 2020 it is an offence for a person without reasonable excuse:

- (a) To do anything that the person is prohibited from doing in this Order, or
- (b) To fail to comply with any requirement to which the person is subject under this Order

A person guilty of an offence in relation to this Order is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (£1,000 as at 25 February 2020).

The Council or a Police Constable may issue a fixed penalty notice to any person he or she has reason to believe has committed an offence in relation to this Order. A fixed penalty notice offers the opportunity to discharge liability for conviction upon payment of a fine of £80 (reduced to £50 if paid within 10 days).

## **1. Measures affecting the whole of the Borough of Tonbridge and Malling**

The following measures apply to all areas to which the general public has access within Tonbridge and Malling:

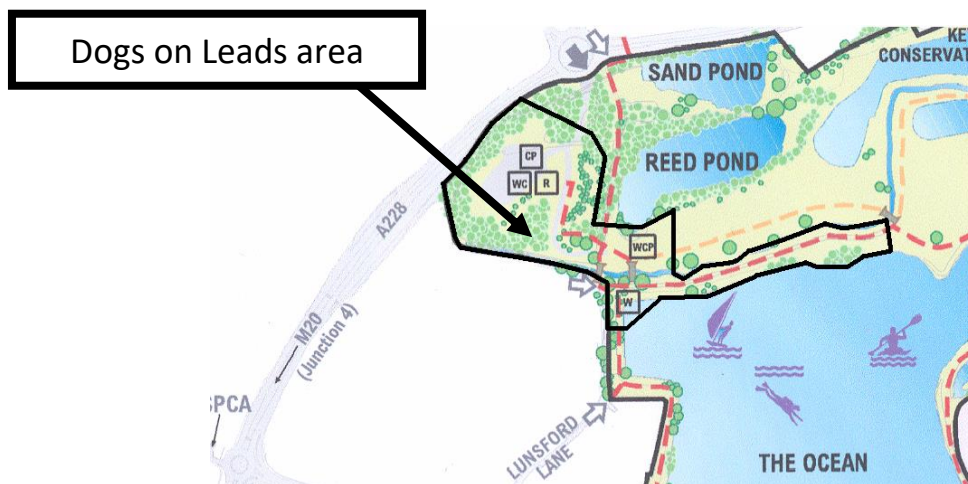
- a. Dog Fouling  
No person is permitted to leave dog faeces deposited by any dog under their control or ownership in any public place, save in a designated dog faeces bin. Owners and dog-walkers must clean up after dogs under their control, care or ownership.
- b. Exclusion of Dogs from Children's Play Areas  
No person in control, care or ownership of a dog may allow (whether wilfully or otherwise) those dogs to enter or remain upon any Children's Play Area which is owned and operated by the Borough Council.
- c. Dogs on Leads by Direction  
When required by an authorised officer of the Council, any person in control of dogs must place those dogs on a lead.
- d. Maximum Numbers of Dogs Under a Person's Control  
No person is permitted to have under their control more than 6 dogs in a public place.
- e. Alcohol Control  
No person may drink alcohol in a public place when requested to stop by an authorised officer of the Council or Police Constable.

- f. Public Urination/ Defecation  
No person may urinate or defecate in any public place, except in a public lavatory.
- g. Use of Drones  
No person may operate a drone from or in any open space owned by the Borough Council without first obtaining authorisation from the Borough Council.  
For the purposes of this measure, “drone” means any remote-controlled pilotless aircraft or Unmanned Aerial Vehicle.

**2. Area- Specific Measures**

In addition to the Borough-wide measures, the following measures apply within the boundaries of these designated areas:

- a. Leybourne Lakes Country Park
  - i. No unauthorised Barbecues  
No person may use any barbecue, open fire or other method of cooking or heating food within the Country Park unless specifically authorised in writing by the Council
  - ii. No unauthorised swimming, bathing or boating  
No person may swim, bathe or operate any boat or craft in any lake within the Country Park unless specifically authorised in writing by the Council
  - iii. Dogs on Leads at all times in designated areas  
Dogs must be kept on leads at all times within the areas shown on the plan below. Broadly, these areas are the car parks and the access road for the Watersports facility.
  - iv. No unauthorised camping  
No person may camp in any place within the Country Park unless specifically authorised in writing by the Council.



b. Tonbridge Memorial Gardens

i. No wheeled-sports activities

No wheeled-sports activities may take place within the Tonbridge Memorial Gardens. This includes, but is not limited to: skateboards, BMX, in-line skating and scooters.

c. Tonbridge Moorings

i. No unauthorised mooring

No person is entitled to moor any boat or craft on the moorings unless licenced to do so or otherwise specifically authorised in writing by the Council or Environment Agency.

ii. No unauthorised camping

No person may camp in any place within the Country Park unless specifically authorised in writing by the Council.

d. Haysden Country Park

i. No unauthorised Barbecues

No person may use any barbecue, open fire or other method of cooking or heating food within the Country Park unless specifically authorised in writing by the Council

ii. No unauthorised swimming, bathing or boating

No person may swim, bathe or operate any boat or craft in any lake within the Country Park unless specifically authorised in writing by the Council

iii. Dogs on Leads at all times in designated areas

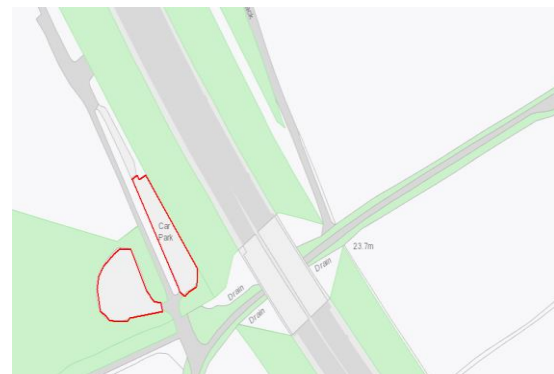
Dogs must be kept on leads at all times within the areas shown on the plans below. Broadly, these areas are the car parks and around the catering unit.

iv. No unauthorised camping

No person may camp in any place within the Country Park unless specifically authorised in writing by the Council.



Map above showing dogs on lead area within main car park and catering area within Haysden Country Park



Map above showing dogs on lead area within Lower Haysden Lane Car Park



Map above showing dogs on lead area within Audley Rise Car Park

e. Tonbridge Racecourse Sportsground and Tonbridge Castle

- i. No unauthorised Barbecues  
No person may use any barbecue, open fire or other method of cooking or heating food within these areas unless specifically authorised in writing by the Council
- ii. Dogs on Leads at all times in designated areas  
Dogs must be kept on leads at all times within the areas shown on the plan below. Broadly, these areas are the castle grounds.
- iii. No unauthorised camping  
No person may camp in any place within these areas unless specifically authorised in writing by the Council.



f. Tonbridge Farm Sports Ground

- i. No unauthorised Barbecues  
No person may use any barbecue, open fire or other method of cooking or heating food within these areas unless specifically authorised in writing by the Council
- ii. Dogs on Leads at all times in designated areas  
Dogs must be kept on leads at all times within the areas shown on the plan below. Broadly, this is the Sports Ground car park.
- iii. No unauthorised camping  
No person may camp in any place within these areas unless specifically authorised in writing by the Council.



g. Tonbridge Cemetery

i. Dogs on leads at all times

Dogs must be kept on leads at all times within Tonbridge Cemetery



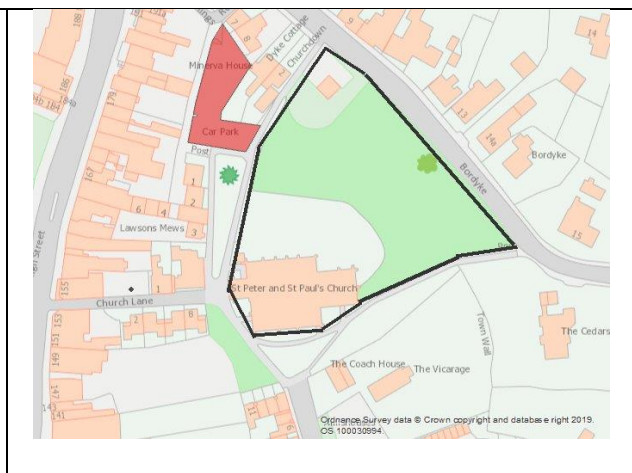
h. Closed Churchyards at St Stephens and St Peter's and St Paul's Churches

i. Dogs on leads at all times

Dogs must be kept on leads at all times within the Churchyards of St Stephens and St Peter's and St Paul's churches in Tonbridge



*St Stephen's Churchyard*



*St Peter and St Paul's Churchyard*