

Drinking Alcohol in Public and Designated Public Places Orders (DPPO)

A Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) is a power given to local authorities to help curb crime and anti-social behaviour fuelled by alcohol being consumed on the street and can be used in areas that have experienced alcohol-related disorder or nuisance. DPPOs have replaced the old drinking byelaws.

Before an area is designated for restrictions on public drinking to apply a great deal of investigation and public consultation is undertaken by the local authority and partners such as the police.

Where an area is subject to a DPPO it is an offence to drink alcohol after being told by a police officer not to do so. The police have the power to confiscate the alcohol and any opened or sealed containers, and if the person fails to comply with the request they can be arrested.

The penalties for not complying with a DPPO are:

- a penalty notice for disorder of £50;
- If prosecuted a fine of up to £500
- bail conditions can be used to stop the individual from drinking in public

Publicity

It is a requirement that all Designated areas are publicised. This is normally done via local press and by special notices attached to street furniture such as lamp posts.