

**ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL
THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014
THE PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (NO. 2B) ROTHER DISTRICT
COUNCIL 2025**

Rother District Council (in this order called “the Authority”) hereby makes the following Order

**This Order comes into force on 1 February 2025
for a period of three years, unless extended under section 60.**

The Council is satisfied that the conditions set out in Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 have been met, being that:

- a) activities carried out in the restricted areas have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or it is likely that activities will be carried on in a public place within that area and that they will have such an effect.
- b) and the effect, or likely effect, of the activities - is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable, and justifies the restrictions imposed by the Order.

Prohibited Activity One-Parking on Beaches

All persons are prohibited from parking, stopping, storing, leaving or allowing to remain stationary any vehicle of which they have control within the Restricted Area without reasonable excuse.

All persons are prohibited from occupying any stationary Vehicle within the Restricted Area without reasonable excuse.

This Prohibited Activity is subject to the Exemptions below.

Restricted Areas

Beaches on the coastline of the district (Edged red on Map One), including any and all paths, promenades, roads and hard standings adjacent to the beach.

Exemptions

The following Vehicles are exempt from the Prohibited Activity:

- a) Emergency Vehicles,
- b) Vehicles operated by the Environment Agency or Royal National Lifeboat Institution,
- c) Vehicles granted prior written permission by the Council, for essential purposes not including commercial, recreational or sports activities.

Definitions

For the purposes of this Order the following definitions apply:

Vehicle –	Any mechanically propelled vehicle intended or adapted for use on roads, including any caravan horsebox or trailer.
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Prohibited Activity Two Consumption of Alcohol in a Public Place (Section 63 of the Act)

The consumption of alcohol in the restricted areas identified in the appended maps of Bexhill, Battle and Camber Parishes, other than within the curtilage of premises licensed under the Licensing Act 2003, is prohibited. Where a constable, police community support officer (PCSO) or duly authorised Rother District Council Officer (hereafter referred to as an "Authorised Officer") reasonably believes that a person: i) is or has been consuming alcohol in breach of this prohibition, or ii) intends to consume alcohol in circumstances in which doing so would be a breach of such a prohibition. The Authorised Officer may require that person: i) not to consume, in breach of this Order, alcohol or anything which the authorised officer reasonably believes to be alcohol; ii) to surrender anything in the person's possession which is, or which the authorised officer reasonably believes to be, alcohol or a container for alcohol.

Prohibited Activity Three Nuisance Behaviour- Begging

No person shall engage in aggressive or assertive behaviour, or any other behaviour in the restricted areas identified in the appended maps of Bexhill, Battle and Rye Parishes, which may be regarded as anti-social or nuisance in nature, in the course of begging or soliciting for money. The act of begging is deemed as either approaching people for money, or being stationary and asking for money, or positioned on the floor to invite the offer of money or goods. Begging (which separately constitutes an offence under the Vagrancy Act 1824) includes any verbal, written or non-verbal requests (including the placing of hats, containers or other items) for money, donations, good or other material help or assistance.

Prohibited Activity Four Nuisance Behaviour- Sleeping

No person shall sleep or deposit any materials used or intended to be used as bedding in any public space within the restricted area, being the entire Rother district, identified in the appended map of the Rother District Council administrative area. In the first instance, any person contravening this condition, will be given a warning, advice and/or signposted to support services by Authorised Officers. The Order will also apply to persons lying down or sleeping in the open air or within a vehicle or other non-fixed structure such as a caravan or tent without prior permission of the Council. This includes shop doorways and car parks.

An authorised officer who imposes a requirement on a person to comply with these requirement must tell that person that failing without reasonable excuse to comply with the requirement is an offence.

Offence

Pursuant to Section 67 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 any person without reasonable excuse who does anything that they are prohibited from doing by a public space protection order or fails to comply with a requirement to which the person is subject under a public space protection order commits an offence.

A person guilty of an offence under Section 67 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN)

If an authorised person or a police constable have reason to believe an offence under Section 67 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 has been committed they may issue a fixed penalty notice (FPN) of up to £100 allowing the recipient the opportunity to discharge any liability to conviction.

Where a person is issued with a FPN, no proceedings may be taken for the offence before the end of the period of 14 days following the date of the FPN and the person may not be convicted of the offence if the person pays the fixed penalty before the end of that period.

The FPN will give reasonably detailed particulars of the circumstances alleged to constitute the offence and confirm the period proceedings will not be taken for the offence, specify the amount of the fixed penalty and confirm the name and address of who to pay and the permissible methods of payment.

General

For the purposes of this Order, an authorised officer means an authorised employee of the Council, a person designated by the Council, a constable or a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO). An "interested person" (as defined in section 66(1) of the Act) may apply to the High Court to question the validity of this Order or any variation thereof on the grounds specified in section 66(2) of the Act within 6 weeks of the date of the Order or any subsequent variation.

THE COMMON SEAL of
ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL
Was hereunto affixed the

L. Gray
MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

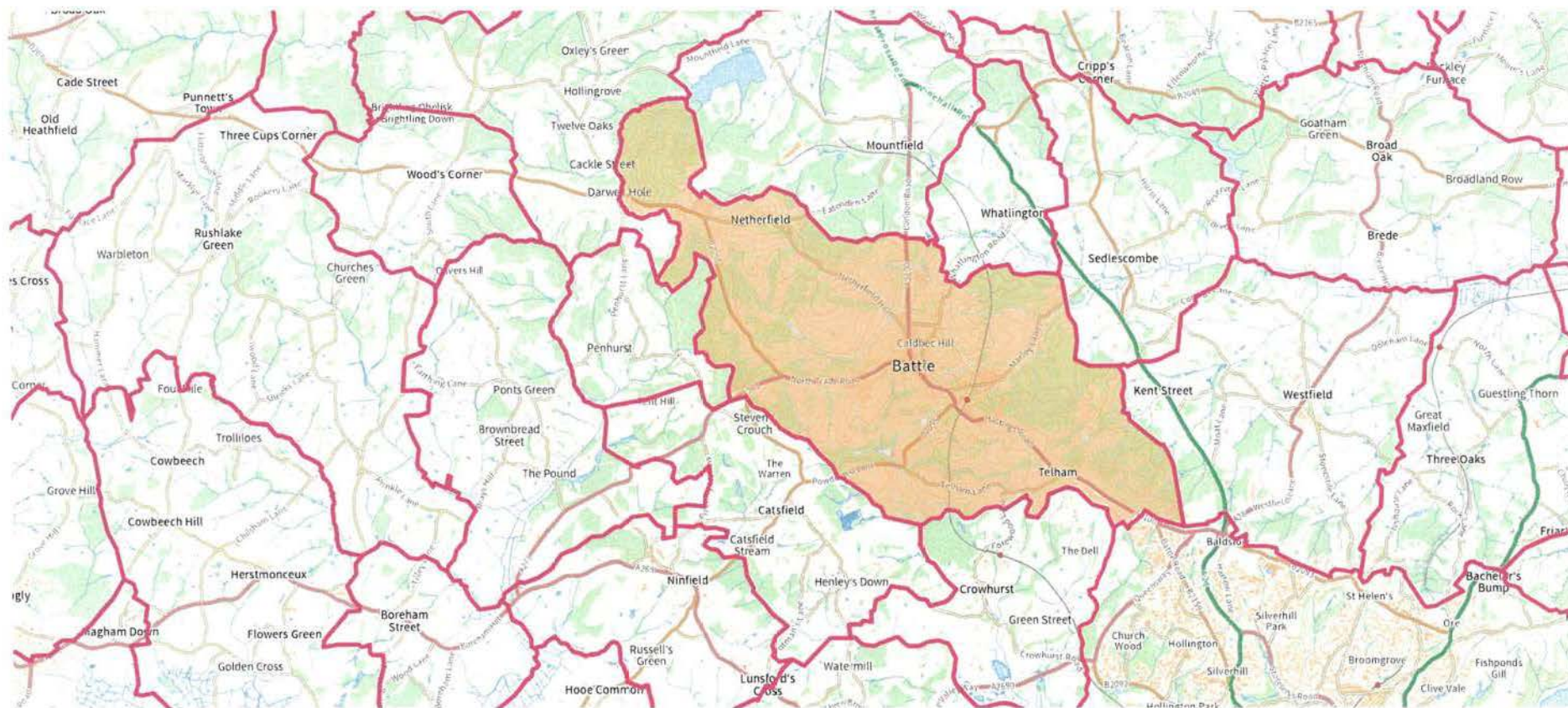




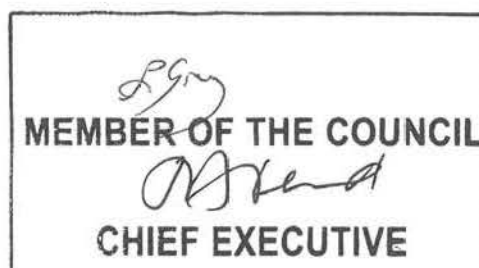
Map One-Rother District

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Battle Parish





Bexhill-on-Sea Parish

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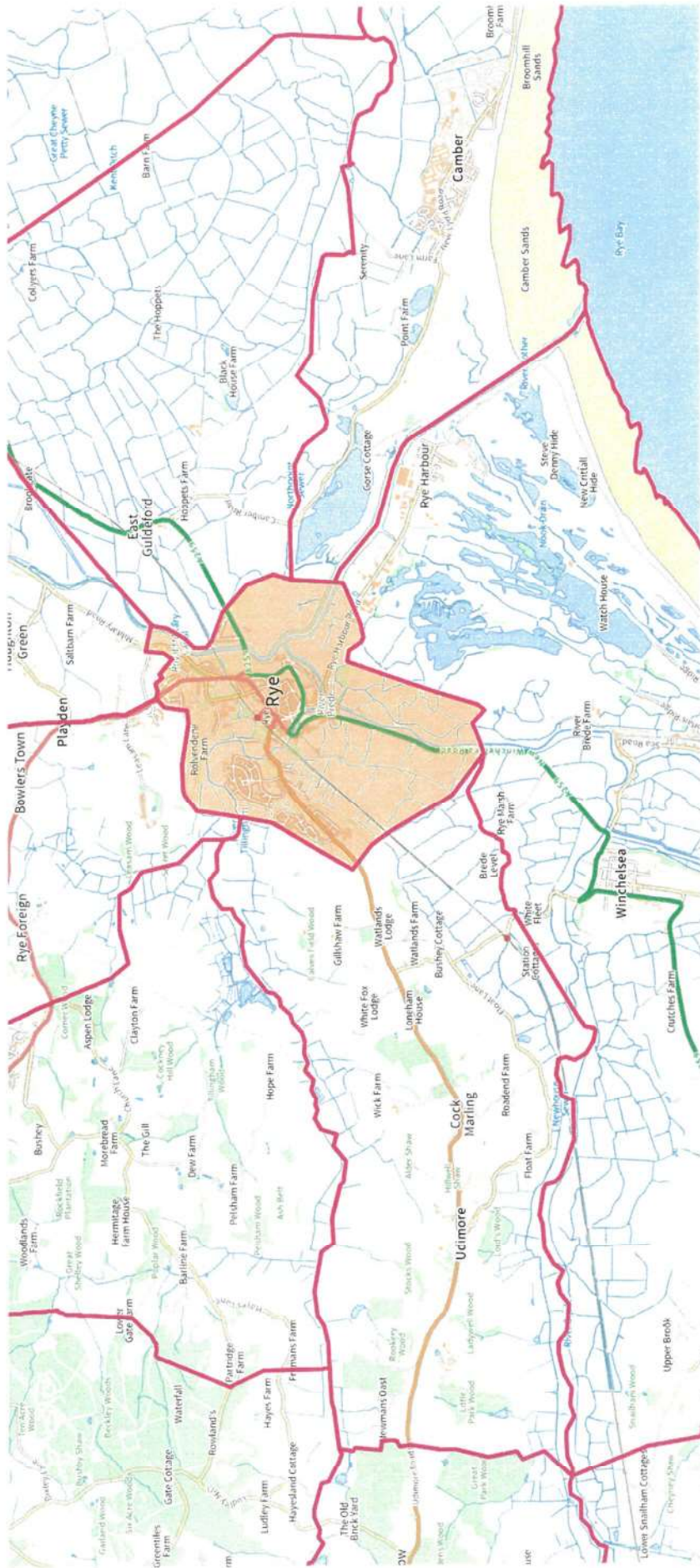
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