# The Public Spaces Protection Order – Ashfield District Council 2023 (the “Order”)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Ashfield District Council in exercise of its power under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the “Act”) has made The Public Spaces Protection Order 2023.

The Order comes into force on 1 March 2023 and shall have effect for a period of 3 years, unless extended by further orders under Ashfield District Council’s statutory powers.

The Order creates offences relating to “Restricting public right of way over highway” as follows:

1.1 This Article applies to land specified in Schedule 1 of this Order (“the Restricted Access Highways”), namely the strips of land:

1. Between Spruce Grove and Beacon Drive, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire

2. Between Bentinck Street and Bramley Court, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire

3. Between Downing Street and North Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire

4. Rear of 34-37 Rockwood Walk, Hucknall, Nottinghamshire

5. Adjacent 40 Rosewood Drive, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire

6. Between Spruce Grove and Poplar Avenue, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire

7. Between Welbeck Street and Portland Close, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire

8. Between Bramley Court and Sutton Lawn, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire.:

1.2 A person commits an offence if at any time he uses the public right of way on land to which this article applies unless he has a reasonable excuse for doing so.

1.3 A barrier or barriers may be installed, operated and maintained at each of the respective ends of the Restricted Access Highway. Ashfield District Council is responsible for maintaining and operating the barrier or barriers.

1.4 In accordance with section 67 of the Act a person who is guilty of an offence under article 1 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

## Offences and Fixed Penalty Notices

A person who is guilty of an offence under the Order may be prosecuted and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale. Ashfield District Council intends to issue fixed penalty notices to enforce the Order, the amount of the fixed penalty notice will be £100. Failure to pay may lead to prosecution.

**This information can also be viewed on the Council website by going to:**

[**www.ashfield.gov.uk**](https://www.ashfield.gov.uk/)