

The Dorset Beaches [Studland] Anti-social Behaviour Related Public Spaces Protection Order 2025

What we are consulting on

The Dorset Beaches [Studland] Anti-social Behaviour Related Public Spaces Protection Order 2025 is a new Order which is intended to tackle issues of Antisocial Behaviour arising from camping on beaches in Studland.

The additional Order has been prepared in consultation with the various land owners including the National Trust. The Order seeks to address the significant issues experienced over recent summers of 'wild camping' on Dorset Beaches which has given rise to a large increase in nuisance complaints, damage to property, accumulation of rubbish and human waste and destruction of natural habitat. The draft Order would make it an offence to camp on designated land, when asked to leave or without the permission of the landowner.

The purpose of this survey is for you to tell us what you think about our Dorset Beaches [Studland] Anti-social Behaviour Related Public Spaces Protection Order 2025.

Your responses will help shape the final Dorset Public Space Protection Orders decided by Dorset Council councillors.

Please note, any data collected follows Dorset Council's privacy policy.

Once completed, please return your survey to Licensing Service, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ.

Introduction

The Order includes:

- Section 1 Unauthorised camping on beaches
- Section 2 Anti-social Behaviour
- Section 3 Fixed Penalty Notices

The following documents are available in your local library:

Schedule 1 – Map identifying Studland Beach Controlled Zone (outlined in red)

2. The full Order document

The survey

Q1. Are you responding as...?

Please tick one option.

Resident of Dorset (Dorset Council area) – <i>If selected, go to Q6</i>
Resident of elsewhere - If selected, go to Q6
Private business
Public sector organisation (Local council, health organisation etc.)
Third sector organisation (Voluntary groups, Community groups, Charities)
Councillor / Politician - If selected, go to Q6
Other (please specify) - If selected, go to Q6

If other, please specify:

If you are not answering on behalf of a business/organisation, please skip to Q6.

Q2. Are you providing your organisation's official response?

Please tick one option.

Yes
No

Q3. Name of your organisation

Q4. Your name

Q5. Your contact email/phone if responding on behalf of an organisation (optional)

Q6. What is your postcode?

Your details will only be used for the purposes of this survey and will be held in accordance with our Data Protection Policy. This can be found on our website.

Section 1 – Unauthorised camping on beaches

The order proposes "No groups of more than one person shall erect a tent, gazebo, marquee or other temporary structure that is designed or intended to provide shelter or accommodation with the intention of camping overnight, within "the Controlled Zone" without the express prior written permission of the landowner."

Further: "The prohibition contained within this order does not apply to single individuals who are conducting bona-fide fishing activities, with appropriate equipment, on the beach utilising a bona-fide fishing shelter or person(s) who have express prior written permission of the landowner."

The Order document and Schedule 1 Map identifying Studland Beach Controlled Zone (outlined in red) are available at your local library.

Q7. How do you feel about the unauthorised camping on beaches proposals?

Please tick one option.

I/we support this section – If selected, go to Q9
I am/we are not sure – <i>If selected, go to Q10</i>
I/we have concerns – If selected, go to Q8

Q8. What are your concerns about the unauthorised camping on beaches proposals?

Please tick all that apply.

Don't agree with it being included at all
The area shown on the map should be altered
Won't be enforced
Too harsh/petty
Harmless activity
Other (please explain in the box on the next page)

If other, please specify here:

If you answered Q8, please now go to Q10.

Q9. What do you particularly support about the unauthorised camping on beaches proposals?

Please tick all that apply.

Necessary as it creates an anti-social behaviour issue
Necessary as it creates a litter problem
Necessary as it affects other beach users
Important to stop before it becomes too widespread
Exclusion means it won't affect fishing community
Other (please explain)

If other, please specify:

Q10. If you have any comments, please let us know below

Section 2 – Anti-social behaviour

It is proposed that: "No person without a reasonable excuse shall act in an anti-social or disorderly manner that causes or is likely to cause nuisance, harassment, alarm or distress to any other person."

Also: "No person who has previously been warned regarding their behaviour under subsection (4) shall refuse to leave any retail, commercial or licensed premises, public building or other area within "the Controlled Zone" when requested to do so by a Police Constable or an Authorised Person."

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Q11. How do you feel about the anti-social behaviour on beaches proposals?

Please tick one option.

I/we support this section – If selected, go to Q13
I am/we are not sure – <i>If selected, go to Q14</i>
I/we have concerns – If selected, go to Q12

Q12. What are your concerns about anti-social behaviour on beaches proposals?

Please tick all that apply.

Don't agree with it being included at all
The area shown on the map should be altered
Won't be enforced
Too harsh/petty
Other (please explain)

If other, please specify:

If you answered Q12, please now go to Q14.

Q13. What do you particularly support about the anti-social behaviour on beaches proposals?

Please tick all that apply.

Necessary as it is an increasing issue
Necessary as it affects other beach users
Other (please explain in the box on the next page)

If other, please specify here:

Q14. If you have any comments, please let us know below.

About you

This section is optional. We use it to collect diversity information. This helps to ensure any changes do not unfairly impact specific sectors of the community. It also helps to make sure our consultation response comes from a representative sample of residents.

Q15. Please select your age group.

Please tick one option.

Under 18	
18 to 24	
25 to 39	
40 to 49	
50 to 59	
60 to 64	
65 plus	
Prefer not to say	

Q16. What is your sex?

Please tick one option.

Female
Male
Prefer not to say

Q17. Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

Please tick one option.

Yes
No
Prefer not to say

Q18. The Equality Act 2010 describes a person as disabled if they have a longstanding physical or mental condition that has lasted or is likely to last 12 months; and this condition has a substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. People with some conditions (cancer, multiple sclerosis and HIV/AIDS for example) are considered to be disabled from the point that they are diagnosed. [Question continues on next page]

Q18 [continued] Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act 2010?

Please tick one option.

Yes
No
Prefer not to say

Q19. If at the previous question you stated you consider yourself to have a disability, please state the type of disability which applies to you.

Please tick all that apply.

Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
Autistic Spectrum Conditions
Blind
Dyscalculia
Dyslexia
Dyspraxia
Deaf
Hearing loss
Long term health condition
Mental health issues
Physical impairment
Sign Language User
Visually impaired
Medical conditions
Mobility issues
Learning disability
Specific learning differences
Wheelchair user
If you prefer to use another term, please specify below

If you prefer to use another term, please specify:

Q20. What is your ethnic group?

Please tick one option.

White: British
White: Irish
White: Gypsy
White: Irish Traveller
White: Other
Mixed: White and Black Caribbean
Mixed: White and Black African
Mixed: White and Asian
Mixed: Other
Asian or Asian British: Indian
Asian or Asian British: Pakistan
Asian or Asian British: Chinese
Asian or Asian British: Other
Black or Black British
Arab
Other ethnic group
Prefer not to say

If other, please specify:

Q21. What is your religion or belief?

Please tick one option.

Buddhist
Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other
Christian denominations)
Hindu
Jewish
Muslim
Sikh
No religion
Other religion or belief (please specify if you wish)
Prefer not to say

If other, please specify:

Q22. What is your sexual orientation?

Please tick one option.

Heterosexual or straight
Gay or lesbian
Asexual
Bisexual
Other
Prefer not to say

If other, please specify:

Q23. Have you previously served in the UK Armed Forces?

Please tick one option.

Yes, previously served in Regular Armed Forces
Yes, previously served in Reserve Armed Forces
No
Prefer not to say

Q24. Are you currently pregnant or have you been pregnant in the last year?

Please tick one option.

Yes
No
Prefer not to say

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