

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL
MANAGEMENT OF NOTTINGHAM CITY CENTRE PUBLIC SPACES
PROTECTION ORDER 2026 (VARIATION)

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014

THIS ORDER is made by Nottingham City Council ('the Council') in exercise of its powers under section 61 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ('The Act'), the Council hereby makes the following Order:-

1. Citation and Commencement

THIS ORDER may be cited as the Management of Nottingham City Centre Public Spaces Protection Order (Variation) 2026 and shall come into force on 15 September 2026

2. Variation to Nottingham City Council Public Spaces Protection Order 2026

The Council hereby varies the Management of Nottingham City Council Public Spaces Protection Order 2026 ('the Original Order') as follows:

2.1 Article 1 of the Original Order is substituted as follows:

"Nottingham City Council being satisfied on reasonable grounds that the activities prohibited and or restricted by Articles 4.2 and 5A and 5 to 8 and 11 to 13 of this Order in the Restricted Area:

- i) have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality of the Restricted Area or that it is likely that these activities will be carried out in the Restricted Area and that they will have such an effect, and
- ii) that the effect or likely effect of these activities is or is likely to be of a persistent or continuing nature, and
- iii) that these activities are unreasonable, and
- iv) justify the restrictions and prohibitions imposed by this Order"

2.2 Article 2 of the Original Order is amended by the insertion of the following definition:

A definition of 'Face Covering' to be inserted in Article 2 between 'Entertainment' and 'Free' to state:

"Face Covering - means any garment or material worn over the face in an attempt to hide or conceal/partially conceal a person's identity, this includes but is not limited to balaclavas, scarves, snoods, masks or other such items to cover the head and face with the aim of causing intimidation, harassment, alarm or distress, committing crime or anti-social behaviour

For the sake of clarity Face Covering does not include anything worn for religious, health or work reasons"

2.3 Addition of a new Article 5A - restriction on the wearing face coverings

The following Article is inserted into the Original Order after Article 5:-

"5A. No person ("P") shall without reasonable excuse, fail to remove a face covering when asked to do so by an Authorised Person

5A.1 Subject to Article 5A.2 of this Order, where an Authorised Person reasonably believes that a face covering is being worn to conceal or partially conceal the identity of P for the purpose of causing intimidation, harassment, alarm or distress, committing crime or anti-social behaviour, the Authorised Person may require P to remove the face covering

5A.2 The Authorised Person who imposes a requirement under Article 5A.1 of this Order must

5A.2.1 Explain to P the nature of the breach of Article 5A of this Order, and

5A.2.2 tell P that failing without reasonable excuse to comply with that requirement is an offence

5A.3 A requirement imposed by an Authorised Officer of the Council under Article 5A of this Order is not valid if the person

5A.3.1 is asked by P to show evidence of his or her authorisation, and

5A.3.2 fails to do so"

2.4 Article 14 is substituted as follows:

"14. A person who fails without reasonable excuse to comply with any prohibition or requirement imposed on him or her under Articles 4.2, 5A, 5 to 8, and 11 to 13 of this Order commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale. However, there will only be a breach of a prohibition imposed under Article 5A or Article 12 where the person knew of the prohibition."

3. The Plan as defined in Paragraph 2 of the Original Order and attached to this Order is to remain unchanged

4. General

This Variation Order is made in accordance with the procedure set out in sections 60 and 61 of the Act. The provisions of the Original Order shall continue in full force and effect, save as expressly varied by this Order.

Dated this 15th day of September 2026

Given under the COMMON SEAL of)
NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL)



AUTHORISED SIGNATORY

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