

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Braintree District Council**  
**Public Spaces Protection Order (Nuisance Vehicles) Order 2026**

Notice is hereby given that Braintree District Council, in exercise of its powers under S59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, and following the required statutory consultation, has made a Public Spaces Protection Order relating to nuisance vehicles.

The Order will come into force on midnight on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026 and will remain in effect for a period of three years, unless extended, varied, or discharged. The Order applies to all public highways and public places within the entire Braintree District, as shown on the Order map.

The Council is satisfied that certain activities involving motor vehicles have had, or are likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of people in the locality. These activities are considered persistent, unreasonable, and justify the restrictions imposed.

**Prohibited Activities** - The following activities are prohibited within the restricted area where they cause or are likely to cause harassment, alarm, distress, or nuisance:

- Participating in, promoting, or encouraging vehicle-related nuisance behaviour
- Car cruising and car meets, including congregating around vehicles
- Creating excessive noise, including loud music or engine noise
- Producing excessive exhaust fumes
- Driving in convoys causing disruption or nuisance
- Performing vehicle stunts, including, drifting, wheel spins or doughnuts, handbrake turns, wheelies
- Obstructing highways or public spaces with vehicles

**Requirements Under the Order** - Individuals must:

- Disperse when directed by a Police Officer, or authorised Council Officer, and not return within a specified period
- Switch off engines and amplified music when stationary
- Dispose of waste responsibly and not leave litter or vehicle-related debris
- Comply with all reasonable instructions from authorised officers

**Offence, Penalties and Enforcement** - Failure to comply with this Order, without reasonable excuse, constitutes an offence. Penalties include a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100; or Prosecution leading to a fine of up to £1,000 (Level 3).

The Order will be enforced by Police Officers and authorised Officers of Braintree District Council.

**Right of Appeal:** Any interested person may apply to the High Court to question the validity of this Order within 6 weeks from the date it is made, on the grounds that:

- The Council did not have the power to make the Order; or
- A procedural requirement of the Act has not been complied with

**Further Information:** A copy of the Order and the accompanying map may be inspected on the Council's website or at the Council's offices at Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree, CM7 9HB during normal business hours.

**Dated:** 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026