

ROYAL BOROUGH OF WINDSOR AND MAIDENHEAD

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CRIME & POLICING ACT 2014

PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (CATAPULTING AND PROJECTILE
POSSESSION) ORDER 2026

1. This Order is made by the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead ('The Council'), pursuant to Section 59 (1) of the Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act") and all other enabling powers.
2. This Order may be cited as the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Public Spaces Protection (Catapulting) Order 2026 and shall come into operation on 15th May 2026.
3. The Council is satisfied on reasonable grounds that:

The activities below have been carried out in public places within the Council's area, and have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality,

And that:

The effect, or likely effect of the activities, is, or is likely to be of persistent or continuing nature, and is, or is likely to be such as to make the activities unreasonable, and justifies the restrictions and requirements imposed by the Order.

4. The Order is concerned with the following activities:

Catapulting and projectile possession within

5. The Council is satisfied that the requirements imposed by this Order are reasonable to impose to prevent the detrimental effect of these activities continuing, occurring, or reoccurring, or to reduce that detrimental effect or to reduce the risk of its continuance, occurrence or reoccurrence.
6. The Council has further considered the rights and freedoms set out in Article 10 (Freedom of expression) and Article 11 (Freedom of assembly) of the European Convention on Human Rights, and has concluded that the prohibitions set out in the Order do not infringe these rights.
7. This Order shall be in place for a period of 3 years.

8. The prohibitions of this Order are:

A person commits an offence if, without reasonable excuse, an authorised officer reasonably believes that the person has, in a public place, done any of the following:

- a) Is in possession of a catapult, slingshot, or any similar device capable of launching a projectile likely to cause harm or damage to a person, animal, or property.
This does not affect the powers of the police in relation to items classified as offensive weapons under existing legislation.
- b) Fails to surrender, when requested by an authorised officer, any catapult, slingshot, or similar device capable of launching a projectile.
- c) Is in possession of stones, ball bearings, pellets, or any other items capable of being launched—whether manually or by device—as projectiles likely to cause harm or damage to a person, animal, or property.
- d) Fails to surrender, when requested by an authorised officer, any items described in (c) above.

9. This Order applies to the ‘restricted areas’, namely set out in Schedule A, together with the accompanying maps.

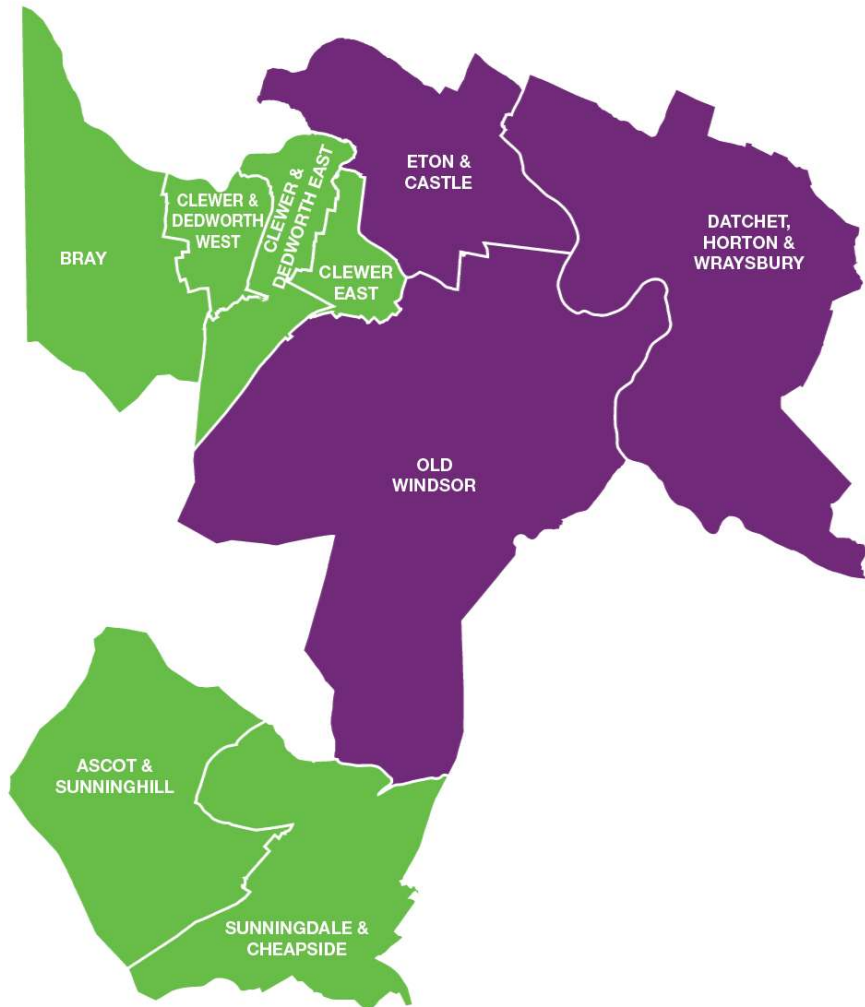
10. Further, under S.67 of the Act, any person who, without reasonable excuse, possesses catapults and projectile possessions in the restricted areas, in contravention of this Order as detailed at (i) above, shall commit an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Level 3 on the Standard Scale or to a fixed penalty notice (as set out below).

11. Depending on the circumstances of the failure to comply with this Order, the Authorised Person may decide that a fixed penalty notice would be the most appropriate sanction. This may be issued by an Authorised Person. If a fixed penalty notice is issued, payment would discharge any liability to conviction for the offence. However, if payment due under a fixed penalty notice is not made within the timescale prescribed therein, a prosecution for the offence of failing to comply with this Order may be commenced.

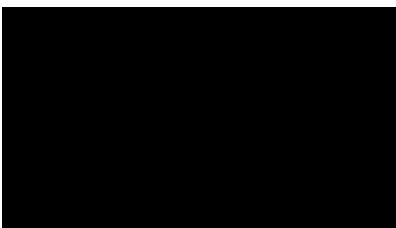
12. Any interested person being an individual who lives in the Restricted Area or who regularly works in or visits the Restricted Area wishing to question the validity of this Order on the grounds that the Council had no power to make it or that any of the requirements of the Act have not been complied with may make an application to the High Court within 6 weeks from the date on which this Order is made.

SCHEDULE A

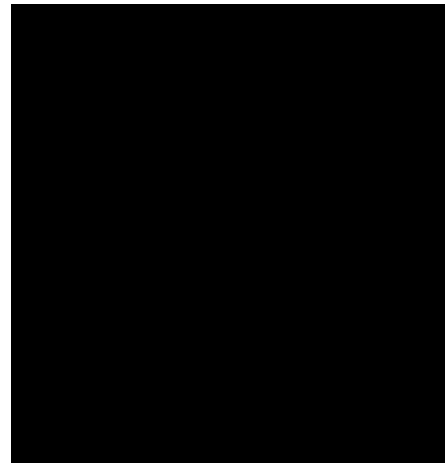
- a) Eton & Castle (including central Windsor), Old Windsor, and Datchet, Horton and Wraysbury are shown in purple on the map below.



THE COMMON SEAL of the ROYAL
BOROUGH OF WINDSOR AND
MAIDENHEAD
was hereunto affixed
this 15th day of May 2026 in the presence
of:



Authorised Signatory



Seal No: 30730