

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014
Public Space Protection Order covering the
Caerphilly County Borough Council Bus Stations At
Caerphilly, Blackwood, Bargoed & Nelson and the Passenger Bridge and Train
Station at Caerphilly

Caerphilly County Borough Council ("the Council") in exercise of its powers under Section 59, 60, 63, 66, 67, 68, and 72 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act") and all other enabling powers hereby makes the following Order

1. The Order shall come into operation on 21/7/2022 2022 and shall have effect for a period of 3 years thereafter unless varied or discharged by further orders of the Council.

2. The Order relates to the areas defined edged red on the attached maps known as Caerphilly Bus Station, Blackwood Bus station, Bargoed Bus Station, Nelson Bus Station and the passenger bridge and train station at Caerphilly (referred to in this Order as "the Restricted Areas")

3. INTRODUCTION

3.1 The Order is made because the Council is satisfied on reasonable grounds that activities at the Restricted Areas are having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or it is likely that activities will have such an effect, and that the effect is, or will be, of a persistent or continuing nature and is, or will be, unreasonable and justifies the restrictions imposed by the Order. The activities at the Restricted Areas having been or likely to be carried out and have or likely to have a detrimental effect include:

- damage to property
- anti-social behaviour
- drinking alcohol in public

3.2 In making this Order consultation has taken place with the Chief Constable, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, relevant community representatives, the Town Councils, Elected Members and Community Safety partners.

4. DEFINITIONS

- 4.1 "Authorised Person(s)" means a person authorised for the purposes of Section 63 and 68 of the Act by the Council.

5. RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1 The effect of the Order is to impose the following prohibitions and requirements within any part of the Restricted Areas.
- 5.2 No person shall loiter in the Restricted Areas unless they are waiting for public transport or waiting to meet somebody using public transport.
- 5.3 No person shall remain in the Restricted Areas if reasonably asked to leave by an authorised person or constable
- 5.4 No person shall behave in a disorderly, indecent or offensive manner within the Restricted Areas
- 5.5 No person shall damage any part of the Restricted Areas.
- 5.6 No person shall be in possession of a potentially dangerous item. A potentially dangerous item is any item, which an authorised person or constable, reasonably believes may be used to harass, alarm or distress any person, or damage any property.
- 5.7 No person shall willfully obstruct or impede an authorised person or constable in the execution of their duty.
- 5.8 No person within the Restricted Areas shall be in possession of paraphernalia for the consumption of controlled drugs.
- 5.9 Any person reasonably suspected by an authorised person or constable of breaching any of the prohibitions or requirements set out in this Order, shall when requested to do so by an authorised person or constable, provide their name and address
- 5.10 No person within the Restricted Areas shall consume alcohol when requested not to do so by an authorised person or constable.
- 5.11 No person shall be in possession of an open container of alcohol within the Restricted Areas
6. Section 67 of the Act applies to the prohibitions and requirements set out in paragraphs 5.2 to 5.9 of this Order namely
- (1) It is an offence for a person without reasonable excuse-
- (a) To do anything that the person is prohibited from doing by paragraphs 5.2 to 5.9 of this Order, or

- (b) To fail to comply with a requirement to which a person is subject under paragraphs 5.2 to 5.9 of this Order,
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale
- (3) A person does not commit an offence under this section by failing to comply with a prohibition or requirement that the local authority did not have power to include in the public spaces protection order
- (4) Consuming alcohol in breach of a public spaces protection order is not an offence under this section (but see section 7 below)
- 7. Section 63 of the Act applies to the prohibitions set out in paragraphs 5.10 and 5.11 namely that where a constable or authorised person reasonably believes that a person:
 - (a) Is or has been consuming alcohol in breach of prohibitions 5.10 and/or 5.11 of this order; or intends to consume alcohol in breach of prohibition 5.10 and/or 5.11 of this order

The constable or authorised person may require that person

- (b) Not to consume, alcohol, or anything which the constable or authorised person reasonably believes to be alcohol;
- (c) To surrender anything in that person's possession which is, or which the constable or authorised person reasonably believes to be, alcohol or a container for alcohol
- (d) It is an offence for a person, without reasonable excuse, to fail to comply with a requirement imposed by a constable or authorised person under section 63.
- (e) A person guilty of an offence is liable on conviction in the Magistrates' Court to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

8. FIXED PENALTY

A constable or authorised person may issue a fixed penalty notice to anyone he or she believes has committed any offence under this Order. A person in receipt of a fixed penalty notice will have up to 14 days to pay the fixed penalty of £100, (or a discounted amount of £75 if paid within 7 days). Failure to pay the fixed penalty will result in the matter being referred for prosecution.

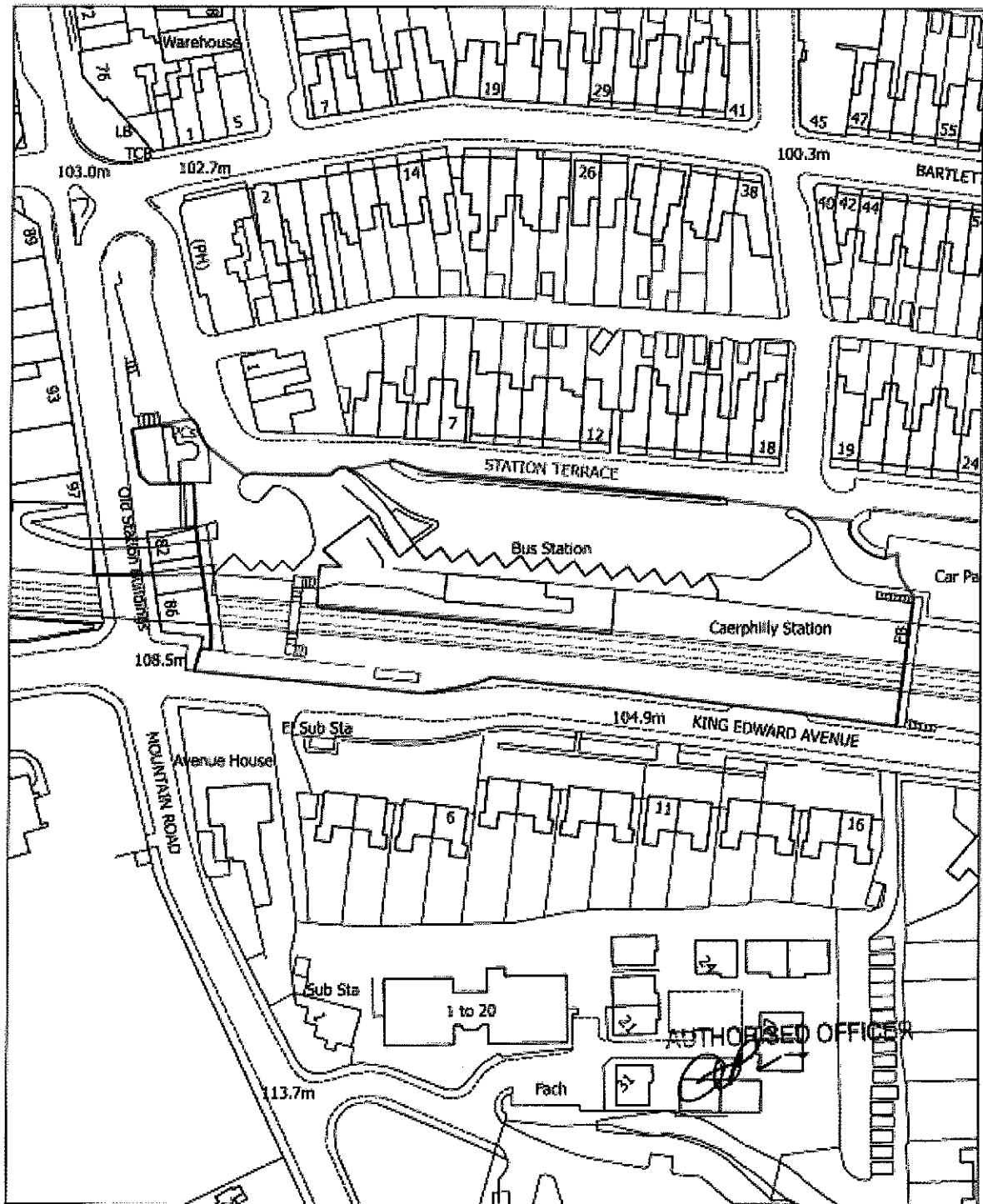
9. APPEALS

Any challenge to this Order must be made by application to the High Court by an interested person within the period of six weeks beginning with the date on which the Order was made. An interested person is someone who lives in, regularly works in, or visits any of the Restricted Areas.

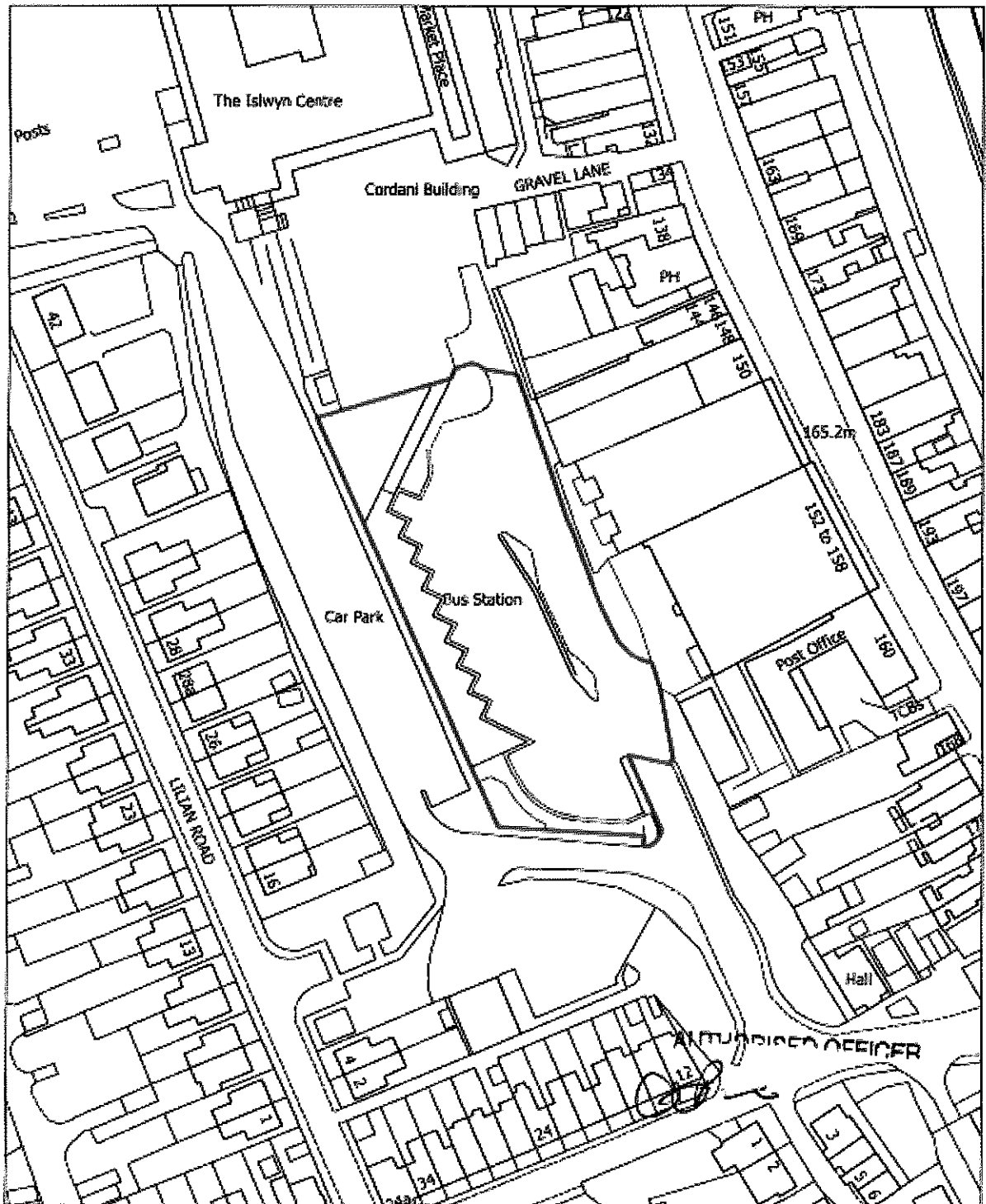
This means that only those who are directly affected by the restrictions have the power to challenge. The right to challenge also exists where an order is varied by the Council.

Interested persons can challenge the validity of this order on two grounds:

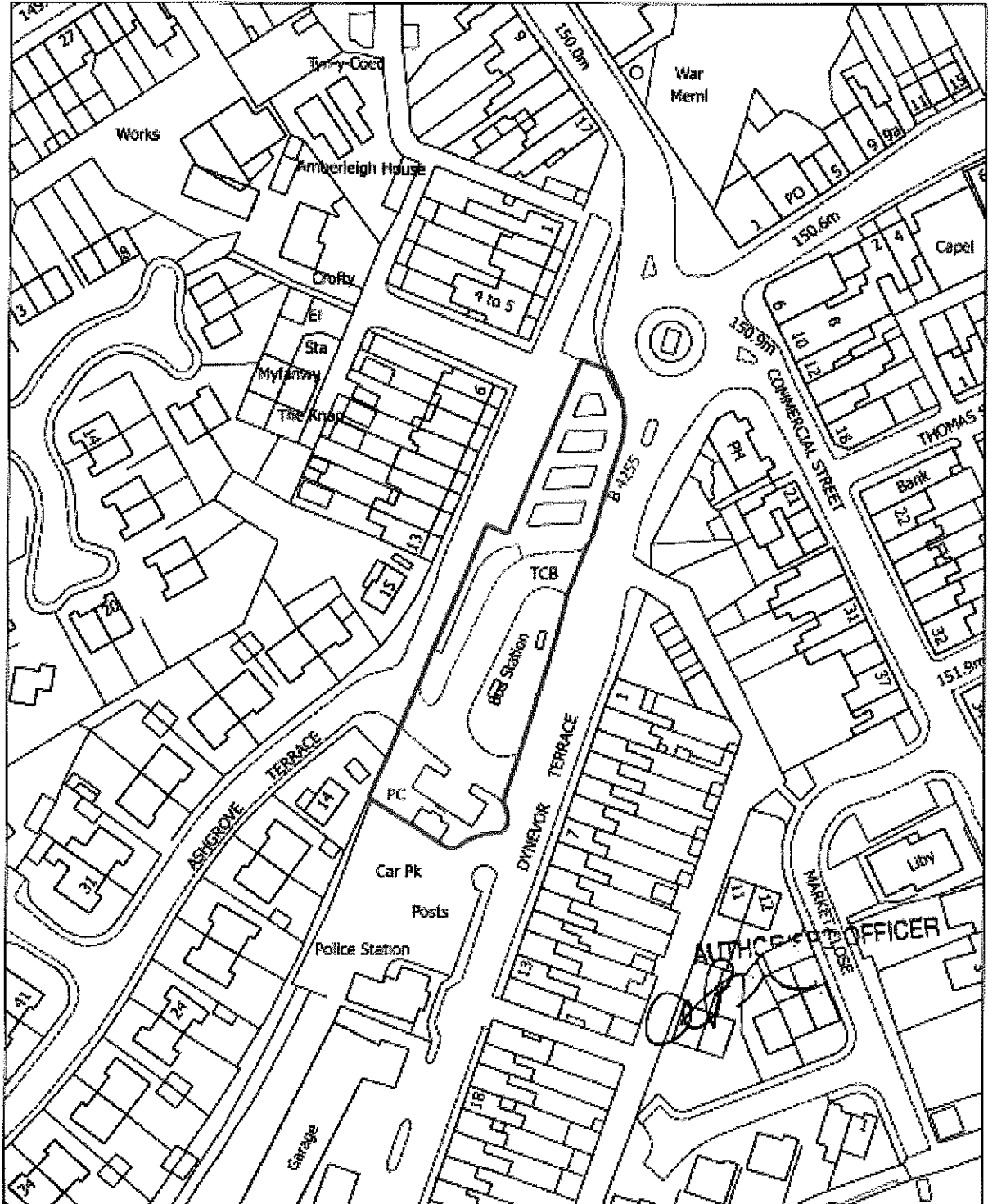
- that the Council did not have power to make the order, or to include prohibitions or requirements
- that a requirement of the legislation was not complied with in relation to the Order.



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Dated this 21 day of 7 2022

The Common Seal of
Caerphilly County Borough Council
Was hereunto affixed
In the presence of



Authorised Officer

