#### LONDON BOROUGH OF REDBRIDGE

## ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014 PART 4,

#### SECTION 59

## PROSTITUTION RELATED ACTIVITY PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER

The London Borough of Redbridge hereby makes the following Public spaces Protection Order under s.59-75 Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014. Being satisfied on reasonable grounds that activities set out at paragraph 1 are likely to have had or are likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or it is likely that activities will be carried out within that area and have such an effect.

The Council is also satisfied that the effect, or likely effect, of the activities is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature and these activities are unreasonable and justify the restrictions imposed by the notice and that it is in all the circumstances expedient to make this order for the purpose of reducing anti-social behaviour in a public place.

Many of the activities related to Prostitution are already unlawful under other legislation. The proposed Public Spaces Protection Order enables the London Borough of Redbridge to extend enforcement powers for these offences to Local Authority Enforcement Officers.

- 1. This Order applies to the public areas specified in Schedule A below.
- **2**. Offence
  - (i) No person shall buy or attempt to buy sexual services from another person in the public spaces identified as part of this Order.
  - (ii) No person shall verbally abuse, harass, or behave in any way towards other persons in a manner which is of a sexual nature, and which causes or is likely to cause them or persons present, harassment, alarm, or distress in the public spaces identified by this Order. This will include, but is not limited to, asking if they are for hire, and making sexually inappropriate comments or gestures.

# Offences under this Public space Protection Order

Any person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with the terms of the Order is guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

A Police Constable, a Police Community Support Officer, an authorised Council Officer or persons authorised by the Council may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice to any persons they have reason to believe has committed an offence (S.68)

A Fixed Penalty Notice of £100.00 will be issued to offenders to be paid within 14 days which would discharge any liability to conviction for an offence under Section 67(1) of the Act.

This Order may be cited as the London Borough of Redbridge Prostitution Related Activity Public Spaces Protection Order and shall come into force on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and remain in force for a period of three years until 19<sup>th</sup> August 2027.

## Schedule A

This order will apply to the entire area outlined in the map below within the London Borough of Redbridge, applying to any parks and open spaces owned, managed or maintained by the London Borough of Redbridge within the specified area. This order will apply to all highways, including all roads, footways, footpaths, alleyways and grass verges within the specified area.

