

**NORTH DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014
PART 4, SECTION 59**

PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER 2024

In exercise of the power under section 59 of the *Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the Act)*, being satisfied that the conditions set out in section 59 of the Act have been met, the North Devon District Council (NDDC) hereby makes a Public Spaces Protection Order in relation to the whole of the area administered by North Devon District Council and additionally to Restricted Areas as outlined in red on the location plans.

The terms of the order are as follows:

- (1) If a dog defecates at any time in any area of land to which the public have access, the person in charge of the dog shall remove the faeces immediately.
- (2) Where an authorised person is satisfied that a dog is beyond control in a public area, being at large and not on a lead, and/or poses a nuisance or significant threat to people or other animals, the person in charge of the dog shall place the dog on a lead of 2.0m or less when directed by the authorised person.
- (3) No person shall walk or exercise more than six dogs, at any time, and no more than three shall be walked or exercised off-lead or on an extended lead (longer than 2m) at any time.
- (4) No person shall walk or exercise their dogs 'off lead' in any cemetery, churchyard or graveyard, ornamental or formal gardens open to the public, nor in any council owned car parks or allotments.
- (5) No person shall permit their dog to be present on any designated sports pitch or enclosed children's play area.
- (6) Between 1st May and 30th September, no person shall permit their dog to be present on Combe Martin Beach, the restricted area being shown in Figure 1.
- (7) Between 1st May and 30th September, no person shall permit their dog to be present on Croyde Bay Beach, the restricted area being as shown in Figure 2.
- (8) Between 1st May and 30th September, no person shall be walk or exercise their dog otherwise than on a lead in the dunes and along the base of the dunes behind Croyde Bay Beach, the restricted area being shown in Figure 3.
- (9) No person, shall walk or exercise their dog other than in accordance with the requirements of a temporary restriction which is clearly marked and adequately notified.
- (10) A person who fails without reasonable excuse to comply with any of the above provisions shall be liable to a fixed penalty of £100, or on summary conviction, to a fine up to level 3 on the standard scale. A person (working for a commercial dog walking operation) who is registered with the council and currently validated, would by virtue of reasonable excuse not be liable when they are working if they were exercising more than three dogs off the lead.
- (11) These provisions shall not apply to a person who has an assistance dog registered with a member organisation of Assistance Dogs UK.
- (12) This Order shall come into force on 1st January 2024 and shall remain in place for a period of 3 years.

Dated this 13 December 2023

THE COMMON SEAL of NORTH DEVON

DISTRICT COUNCIL was hereunto fixed in the presence of:





Figure 1. Combe Martin Beach

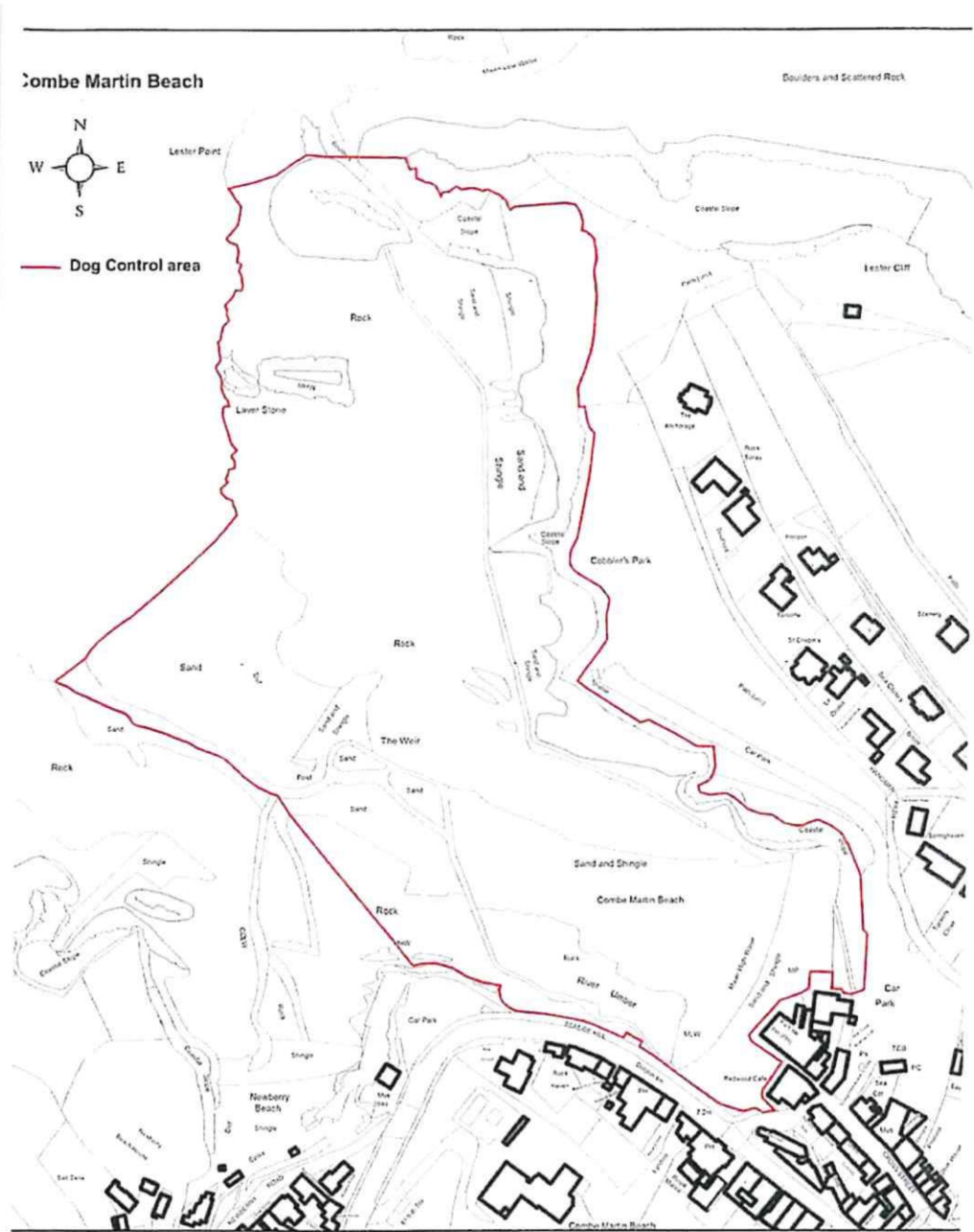


Figure 2 Croyde Bay Beach

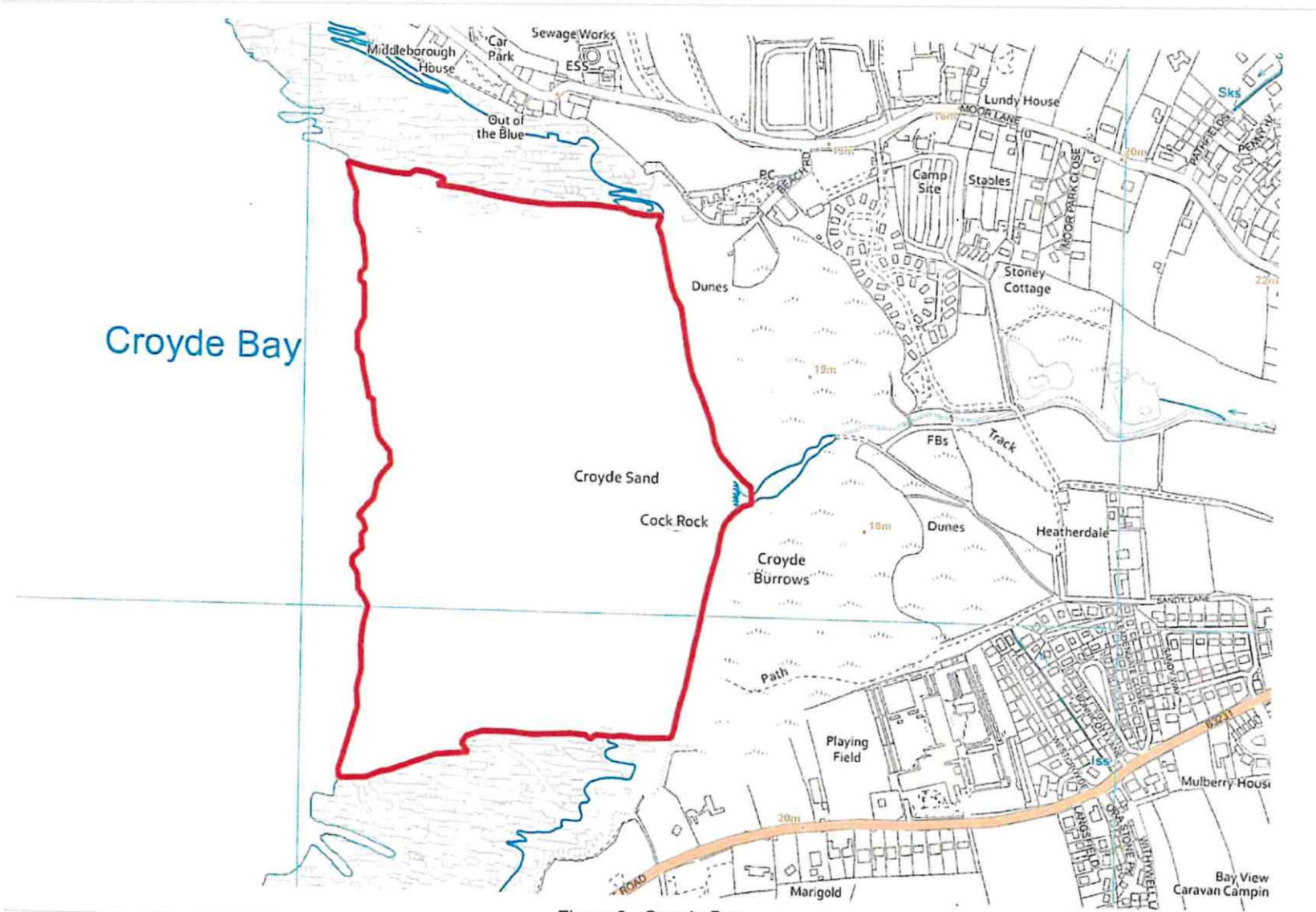


Figure 2 - Croyde Bay

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Dogs on leads on dunes and at base of dunes between 1st May and 30th September.