



ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014, SECTION 59

The Borough of Halton Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order 2024

The Borough Council of Halton (in this Order called "The Council") hereby makes the following Order under Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014:

1. COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION

This Order comes into force on **18th March 2024** and will remain in force for a period of 3 years until **17th March 2027**, unless extended by further Orders under the Council's statutory powers or unless revoked, in whole or in part, and superseded by further Order.

2. PENALTIES AND DEFINITIONS

- A person who fails to comply with any obligation imposed by this Order is guilty of a criminal offence by virtue of section 67(1) of the Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale or a Fixed Penalty Notice of a maximum £100.
- "Person(s) in charge" means the person who has the dog in his possession, care or company at the time the offence is committed or, if the dog is not accompanied by a person, the owner or person who habitually has the dog in his possession.
- "an Authorised Person" means an employee, partner agency or contractor of Halton Borough Council who is authorised in writing by Halton Borough Council for the purposes of giving directions under the Order.
- "The Restricted Area" is the land identified in Schedule 1 of this Order.

3. OBLIGATIONS ON PERSONS IN CHARGE OF DOGS IN THE RESTRICTED AREA

The following Provisions apply to all persons in charge of dogs in the Restricted Area except those specifically exempted by paragraph 6 of this Order.

i. Fouling of Land

If a dog defecates at any time on any land to which this Provision of the Order applies a person who is in charge of the dog must remove the faeces from the land forthwith unless:

- (a) he/she has reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his/her failing to do so.

For the purposes of this Provision of the Order:

- Placing the faeces in a receptacle on the land which is provided for the purpose, or for the disposal of waste, shall be sufficient removal from the land;
- Being unaware of the defecation (whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise), or not having a device for or other suitable means of removing the faeces shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the faeces.

ii. Dogs on Leads by Direction

A person in charge of a dog on any land to which this Provision of the Order applies must comply with a direction given to him/her by an Authorised Person of the Council to put and keep the dog on a lead that shall be of fixed length and of not more than 2 metres unless:

- (a) he/she has reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his/her failing to do so.

An Authorised Person may only give a direction under this Provision if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance, disturbance or harm to any other person, or to a bird or another animal.

iii. Maximum Number of Dogs

A person in charge of more than one dog must not, at any time, and at the same time, take more than 4 dogs onto, or permit more than 4 dogs to enter or to remain on, any land to which this Provision of the Order applies unless:

- (a) he/she has reasonable excuse for doing so; or
- (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to him/her doing so.

iv. Means to Pick up Dog Faeces

A person in charge of a dog on land to which this Provision of the Order applies must have with them appropriate means to pick up dog faeces deposited by that dog and must provide evidence of this if asked to do so by an Authorised Person unless

- (a) he/she has reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his/her failing to do so.

This obligation is complied with if, after a request from an Authorised Person, the person in charge of the dog produces an appropriate means to pick up dog faeces forthwith.

For the purposes of this Provision, "appropriate means" shall be defined as being a receptacle, bag or sack which has been specifically made for the purposes of picking up and properly disposing of animal faeces, or is of such type or design so as to allow it to be used for such purposes.

4. DOGS ON LEADS

A person in charge of a dog on any land to which this Provision of the Order applies must keep the dog on a lead that must be of fixed length and of not more than 2 metres unless:

- (a) he/she has reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his/her failing to do so.

This Provision of this Order shall apply only to the Dogs on Leads Areas specified in Schedule 2.

5. DOG EXCLUSION

A person in charge of a dog must not take it onto, or permit the dog to enter or to remain on, any land to which this Provision of this Order applies unless:

- (a) he/she has reasonable excuse for doing so; or

- (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to him/her doing so.

This Provision of this Order shall apply only to the Dog Exclusion Areas specified in Schedule 3

6. EXEMPTIONS

Nothing in this Order shall apply to:

- (a) A person who is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or
- (b) A person with a disability as defined by the Equality Act 2010 and who relies upon a dog trained by a prescribed charity for assistance.

THE COMMON SEAL of

HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

was hereunto affixed in the
presence of:

ME Reaney

Authorised Signatory



SCHEDULE 1

THE RESTRICTED AREA

Any land within the administrative area of Halton Borough Council, which is open to the air, including covered land which is open to the air on at least one side, and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access with or without payment.

SCHEDULE 2

DOGS ON LEADS AREAS

Widnes Parks and Play Areas

- Crow Wood Park, Bancroft Road, Widnes, Cheshire. WA8 3LL
- Hale Park, Town Lane, Hale Village, L24 (in part) shown coloured yellow on Plan A in Schedule 4.
- Hough Green Park, Royal Avenue, Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 8HL
- Spike Island Park, Widnes, WA8 0DF (in part) shown coloured yellow on Plan B in Schedule 4
- Upton Green, Widnes, WA8 4NS, shown coloured yellow on Plan C in Schedule 4.
- Victoria Park, Birchfield Avenue, Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 6PX (Except in the fenced dog exercise area)

Runcorn Parks and Play Areas

- Palacefields Ball Play, Palacefields Avenue, Runcorn.
- Ridding Lane Ball Court, Runcorn, WA7 6PF
- Rock Park, Runcorn, WA7 5SU
- Town Hall Park, Runcorn, WA7 5TD (in part) shown coloured yellow on Plan D in Schedule 4.
- Runcorn Hill Park, Runcorn, WA7 4SS (in part) shown coloured yellow on Plan E at Schedule 4.
- Wellington Street Play Area, Runcorn, WA7 1LB
- Roehampton Drive Multi-Sports Area, Hallwood Park Runcorn, WA7 2GT
- Roehampton Drive Playground, Hallwood Park Runcorn, WA7 2GT

Gardens

- Birchfield Gardens, Birchfield Road, Widnes.
- West Bank Promenade, St Mary's Road, West Bank, Widnes.

Widnes Allotments

- Avondale, Alongside 4 Birtley Court, Widnes, WA8 7WA
- Rear of 5 Cunningham Road, Widnes, WA8 8EE
- Deansway, Between 128 -130 Hale Road, Widnes, WA8 8SY
- Derby Road, Rear of 12 Factory Lane, Widnes, WA8 9FW
- Dykin Road, at the side of garage at 36 Hilary Close, Widnes, WA8 3HT
- Hale Bank, at the side of 31 Halebank Road, Widnes, WA8 8NA

- Hale Road, to rear of 253 – 269 Hale Road, Widnes, WA8 8QB
- Halton View, at the side of 1 Halton View Road, Widnes, WA8 0TS
- Lancaster Road, at the side of 2 Lancaster Road, Widnes, WA8 9TY
- Side of 14 Laurel Bank, Widnes, WA8 6QB

Runcorn Allotments

- Clifton Road, Beechwood Avenue, Runcorn, WA7 4SB
- Dukesfield, Leinster Road, Runcorn, WA7 1ER
- Haddocks Wood, Off Warrington Road, Runcorn, WA7 1RE
- Heath Road, Runcorn, WA7 5TA
- Oak Drive, Runcorn, WA7 5HE
- Weston Road, Runcorn, WA7 4JU

SCHEDULE 3

DOG EXCLUSION AREAS

Widnes Cemeteries

- Peel House Cemetery, Peel House Lane, Widnes.
- Widnes Cemetery, Birchfield Road, Widnes.

Runcorn Cemeteries

- Runcorn Cemetery, Greenway Road, Runcorn.
- Runcorn Cemetery Extension, Langdale Road, Runcorn.
- Halton Cemetery, East Lane, Runcorn.

Formal Gardens

- Chinese Friendship Gardens, Runcorn Town Hall, Heath Road, Runcorn, WA7 5TD (in part) shown coloured red on Plan D in Schedule 4.
- Town Hall Grounds Formal Gardens, Runcorn, WA7 5TD, shown coloured red on Plan D in Schedule 4.

All land within the Council's administrative area comprising any fenced (and/or hedged and/or walled) Children's Play Areas, Multi-Sport Areas listed below;

Widnes Playgrounds

- Caldwell Road, Caldwell Road, Widnes. WA8 7EA
- Crow Wood Park, Bancroft Road, Widnes. WA8 3LL
- Hale Park Play Area, Hale Park, Town Lane, Hale Village, Liverpool, L24, shown coloured red on Plan A in Schedule 4.
- Halebank Recreation Ground, Blackburne Avenue, Widnes.
- Hough Green Park, Royal Avenue, Widnes. WA8 8HL
- King George's Park, Dundalk Road, Widnes.
- Plumbley Gardens, Off Liverpool Road, Widnes.
- Stewards Avenue, Widnes.
- St Marie's Community Park, Ann Street West, Widnes.
- Spike Island Catalyst, West Bank, Widnes WA8 0DF, shown coloured red on Plan B in Schedule 4.
- Upton Playground, Bechers, Hough Green, Widnes, shown coloured red on Plan C in Schedule 4.

- Upton Rocks Park (Junior), Queensbury Way, Upton Rocks, Widnes.
- Upton Rocks Park (Toddler), Queensbury Way, Upton Rocks, Widnes.
- Victoria Park (Toddler), North End of Victoria Park, Near Lockett Road, Widnes.
- Victoria Park (Junior), North End of Victoria Park, Near Lockett Road, Widnes.
- West Bank Promenade, St Mary's Road, West Bank, Widnes.

Widnes Multi-Sport Areas

- Arley Drive Pitches, Widnes.
- Crow Wood Park, Bancroft Road, Widnes. WA8 3LL
- Derwent Road, Royal Avenue, Widnes.
- Frank Myler Recreation Grounds, Widnes.
- Frank Myler Sport & Recreation Ground Pitches, Widnes.
- Grizedale Ball Play, Grizedale, Widnes.
- Halebank Recreation Ground, Clapgate Crescent, Widnes
- Hale Park, Town Lane, Hale Village, Liverpool, L24 (in part) shown coloured red on Plan A in Schedule 4.
- Hough Green Park (Tennis), Royal Avenue, Widnes. WA8 8HL
- Kingsway Wavertree Avenue and Squires Avenue, Widnes.
- Kingsway CRMZ, Vicarage Road Widnes WA8 7QL
- King Georges Park Games Area, Dundalk Road, Widnes.
- King George V Recreation Ground Pitches, Widnes.
- Leigh Recreation Pitches, Lowerhouse Lane, Widnes
- Prescott Road Pitches, Widnes
- Spike Island, West Bank, Widnes, shown coloured red on Plan B in Schedule 4.
- St. Marie's Community Park, Ann Street West, Widnes.
- Upton Rocks Park, Queensbury Way, Upton Rocks, Widnes.
- Upton Multi-Use Games Area, Bechers, Widnes. shown coloured red on Plan C in Schedule 4.
- Victoria Park Wheel Play, Birchfield Avenue, Widnes. WA8 6PX
- Victoria Park Basketball, Birchfield Avenue, Widnes. WA8 6PX
- Victoria Park Tennis, Birchfield Avenue, Widnes. WA8 6PX
- Victoria Park Interactive Water feature, North end of Victoria Park, Near Lockett Road, Widnes.

Runcorn Multi-Sport Areas

- Castle Rise Youth Activity Park, Off Halton Road, Runcorn.
- Egerton Street Ball Play, Egerton Street, Runcorn.
- Haddocks Wood Pitches, Runcorn WA7 1RE

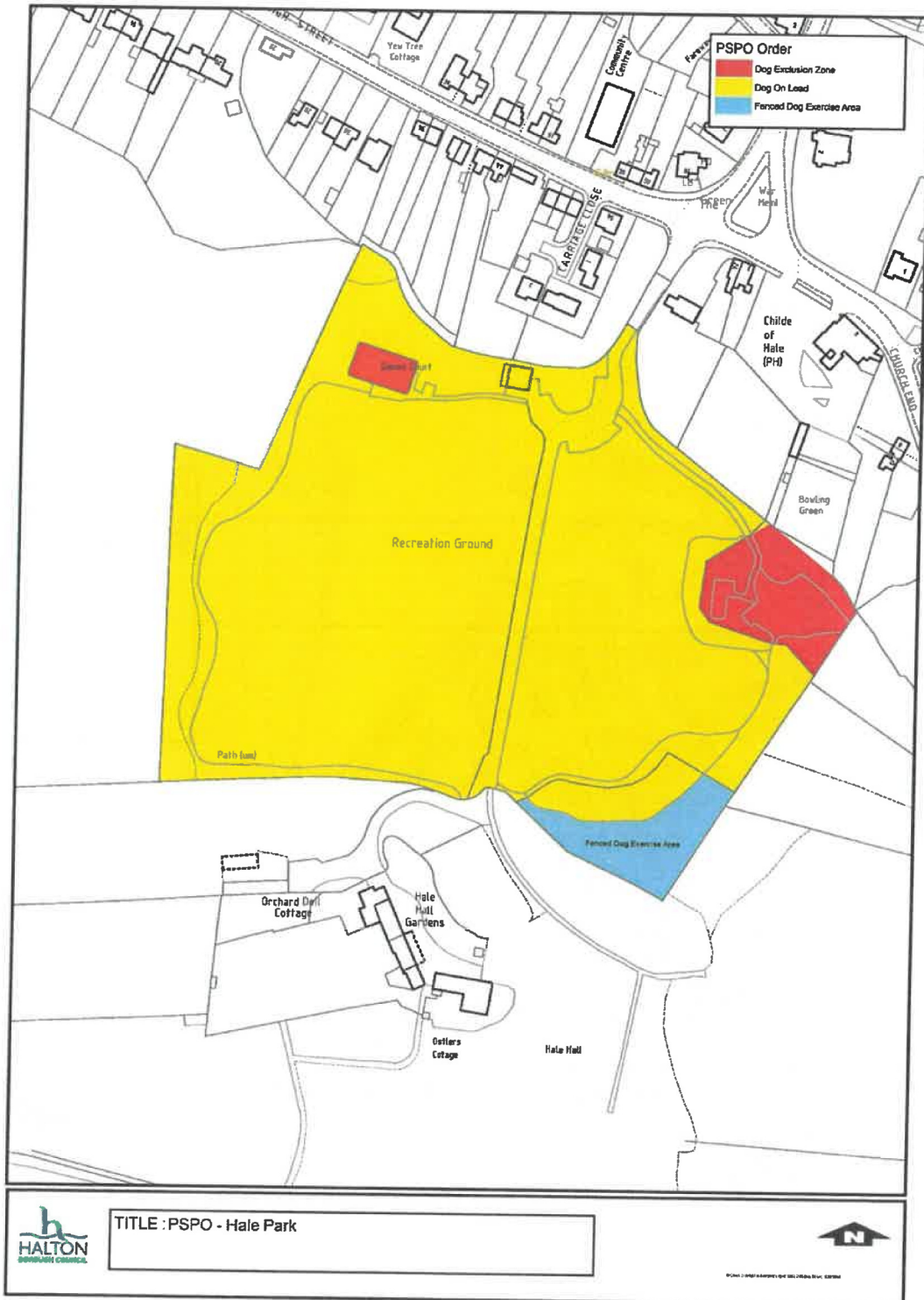
- Phoenix Park, Youth Activity Park (T), Castlefields Avenue East, Castlefields, Runcorn.
- Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field Pitches, Runcorn.
- Rock Park Ball Play Area, Rock Park, Union Street, Runcorn, WA7 5SX
- Runcorn Hill Park Pitches, Runcorn, WA7 4SS, as referred in Schedule 4.
- Runcorn Hill Park – Tennis Court, Highlands Road, Runcorn, shown coloured red on Plan E in Schedule 4.
- Russell Road Wheel Play, Russell Road, Runcorn. WA7 4BG
- Multi-Use Games Area, The Glen, Runcorn.
- The Glen, Palacefields Avenue, Runcorn.
- Multi-Use Games Area, Town Hall Grounds, Heath Road, Runcorn, WA7 5TD, shown coloured red on Plan C in Schedule 4.
- Windmill Hill Avenue South Ball Play Area, Runcorn.

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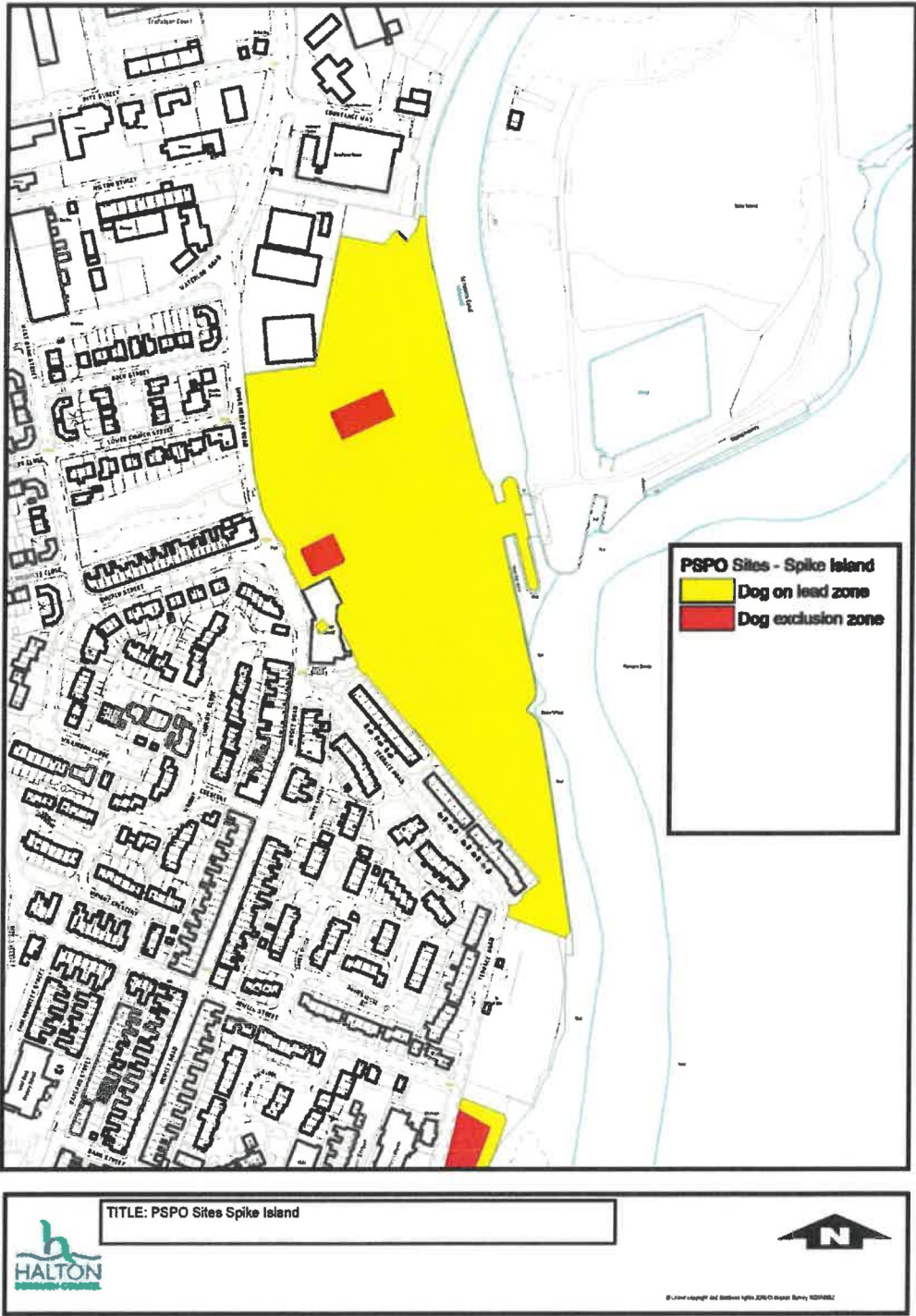
- Castle Rise Playground, Off Halton Road, Runcorn.
- Castner Avenue, Weston Point, Runcorn.
- Cavendish Street, Runcorn.
- Coronation Road, Preston Brook, Runcorn.
- Hale View Playground, Hale View, Runcorn. WA7 4BS
- Hill View, Beechwood, Runcorn,
- Leinster Gardens, Runcorn. WA7 1EG
- Murdishaw Play Centre (1 Old), Barnfield Avenue, Runcorn.
- Murdishaw Play Centre (2-New), Barnfield Avenue, Runcorn.
- Newmoore Lane, Sandymoor, Runcorn.
- Norton Cross, Broadfields, Runcorn.
- Park Road, Runcorn.
- Phoenix Park Play Area, Castlefields Avenue East, Castlefields, Runcorn.
- Pitts Heath Lane, Sandymoor, Runcorn.
- Rock Park Play Area, Union Street, Runcorn, WA7 5SX
- Six Acre Lane, Moore.
- Town Hall Grounds, Heath Road, Runcorn, WA7 5TD (in part) shown coloured red on Plan D in Schedule 4.
- Town Park, Runcorn.
- Trinity Park, Parker Street, Runcorn.
- Walsingham Drive, Sandymoor, Runcorn.
- Weaver Road, Weston Village, Runcorn.
- Woodlands Play Centre, Castlefields, Runcorn.

SCHEDULE 4

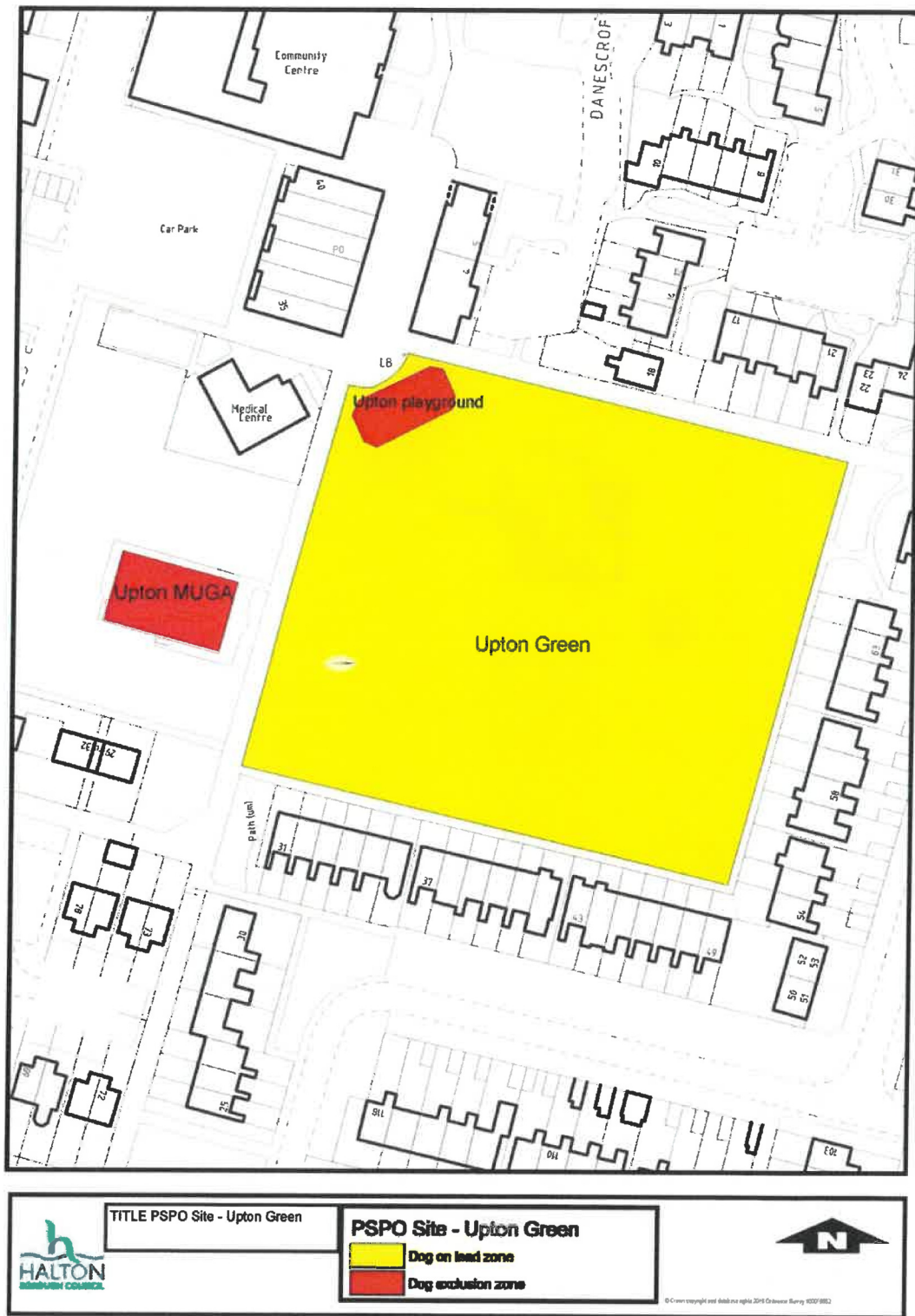
PLAN A – Hale Park



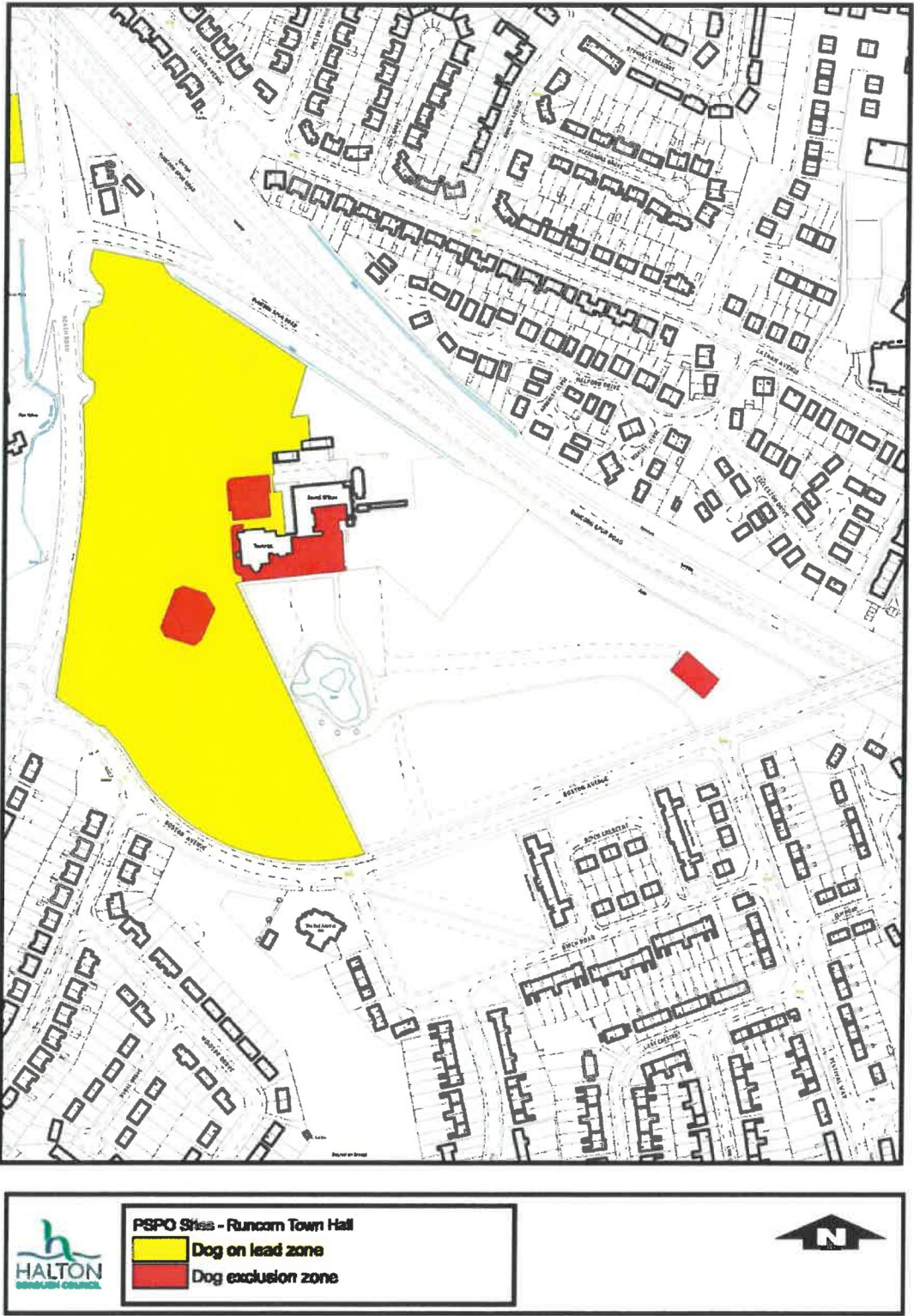
PLAN B – Spike Island



PLAN C – UPTON GREEN



PLAN D – Runcorn Town Hall



PLAN E – Runcorn Hill Park

