



Public Order Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 15

PART 2

SERIOUS DISRUPTION PREVENTION ORDERS

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- (1) The only requirements and prohibitions that may be imposed on a person by a serious disruption prevention order are those which the court making the order thinks are necessary for a purpose mentioned in section 20(5) or 21(4) (as the case may be).
- (2) The requirements imposed on a person (“P”) by a serious disruption prevention order may, in particular, have the effect of requiring P—
 - (a) to present themselves to a particular person at a particular place at, or between, particular times on particular days;
 - (b) to remain at a particular place for particular periods.
- (3) Sections 23 and 24 make further provision about the inclusion of requirements (including notification requirements) in a serious disruption prevention order.
- (4) The prohibitions imposed on a person (“P”) by a serious disruption prevention order may, in particular, have the effect of prohibiting P from—
 - (a) being in or entering a particular place or area;
 - (b) being in or entering a particular place or area between particular times on particular days;
 - (c) being in or entering a particular place or area between particular times on any day;
 - (d) being with particular persons;
 - (e) participating in particular activities;
 - (f) having particular articles with them;
 - (g) using the internet to facilitate or encourage persons to—

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- (i) commit a protest-related offence or a protest-related breach of an injunction, or
 - (ii) carry out activities related to a protest that result in, or are likely to result in, serious disruption to two or more individuals, or to an organisation, in England and Wales.
- (5) References in this section to a particular place or area or particular persons, activities or articles include a place, area, persons, activities or articles of a particular description.
- (6) A serious disruption prevention order which imposes prohibitions on a person may include exceptions from those prohibitions.
- (7) Nothing in this section affects the generality of sections 20(6) and 21(5).
- (8) The requirements or prohibitions which are imposed on a person by a serious disruption prevention order must, so far as practicable, be such as to avoid—
 - (a) any conflict with the person’s religious beliefs, and
 - (b) any interference with the times, if any, at which the person normally works or attends any educational establishment.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 22 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 35\(5\)](#)
- I2** [S. 22](#) in force at 5.4.2024 by [S.I. 2024/472](#), [reg. 2\(c\)](#)

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