On 1 January 2011 a Designated Public Place Order comes into effect in Guildford Town Centre.

The Order allows a police officer and other accredited persons under section 41, section 42 and schedule 5 to the Police Reform Act to require a person, in a designated place, not to drink alcohol in that place if the officer reasonably believes that a person has consumed alcohol or intends to do so, and to surrender the alcohol and any opened or sealed containers in the person’s possession under certain circumstances:

Any person who fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a police officer’s request under the provision may commit an offence and be liable to prosecution.

The Order covers highways and public areas as well as areas in private ownership to which members of the public have access, including car parks, doorways, forecourts and arcades.

The following places are excluded from the Order:

a) Premises where a premises licence or club premises certificate is in force for the supply and sale of alcohol under the Licensing Act 2003 and any place within the curtilage of these premises.

b) Premises where the premises licence is held by the local authority in whose area the premises is situated; or held by another person but occupied by the authority or managed by or on behalf of the authority. This exemption applies only during the times of operation of the licence when alcohol is being sold or supplied and 30 minutes thereafter.

c) Premises subject to a premises licence issued in respect of a Temporary Event Notice under the Licensing Act 2003. This exemption applies only during the times of operation of the licence when alcohol is being sold or supplied and 30 minutes thereafter. Such premises will not be exempt from the Order at any other time when they are not licensed to sell or supply alcohol.

d) A place where facilities or activities relating to the sale or consumption of the alcohol are for the time being permitted by virtue of a permission granted under section 115E of the Highways Act 1980.

Maximum fine £500
Area of ‘Designated Public Places’ in Guildford town centre