



# Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003

## 2003 CHAPTER 38

### PART 4

#### DISPERSAL OF GROUPS ETC.

#### **31 Authorisations: supplemental**

- (1) An authorisation—
  - (a) must be in writing,
  - (b) must be signed by the relevant officer giving it, and
  - (c) must specify—
    - (i) the relevant locality,
    - (ii) the grounds on which the authorisation is given, and
    - (iii) the period during which the powers conferred by section 30(3) to (6) are exercisable.
- (2) An authorisation may not be given without the consent of the local authority or each local authority whose area includes the whole or part of the relevant locality.
- (3) Publicity must be given to an authorisation by either or both of the following methods—
  - (a) publishing an authorisation notice in a newspaper circulating in the relevant locality,
  - (b) posting an authorisation notice in some conspicuous place or places within the relevant locality.
- (4) An “authorisation notice” is a notice which—
  - (a) states the authorisation has been given,
  - (b) specifies the relevant locality, and
  - (c) specifies the period during which the powers conferred by section 30(3) to (6) are exercisable.
- (5) Subsection (3) must be complied with before the beginning of the period mentioned in subsection (4)(c).

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- (6) An authorisation may be withdrawn by—
  - (a) the relevant officer who gave it, or
  - (b) any other relevant officer whose police area includes the relevant locality and whose rank is the same as or higher than that of the relevant officer mentioned in paragraph (a).
- (7) Before the withdrawal of an authorisation, consultation must take place with any local authority whose area includes the whole or part of the relevant locality.
- (8) The withdrawal of an authorisation does not affect the exercise of any power pursuant to that authorisation which occurred prior to its withdrawal.
- (9) The giving or withdrawal of an authorisation does not prevent the giving of a further authorisation in respect of a locality which includes the whole or any part of the relevant locality to which the earlier authorisation relates.
- (10) In this section “authorisation” means an authorisation under section 30.