

# **Summary Briefing Pack - November Restrictions**

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## March - November comparison table

The November restrictions contain an expanded set of exemptions compared with March. Almost all of these exemptions derive from amendments made to the March restrictions in April, May and June, as well as local interventions since, responding to practical needs or balancing the needs of wider public health and wellbeing against the threat of the virus.

Provisions	March restrictions	How the November restrictions differ from those in March
Stay at Home	<ul> <li>Exemptions: <ul> <li>to obtain basic necessities and items essential for the upkeep and functioning of the household (also applies to getting necessities for vulnerable people)</li> <li>to exercise alone or with other members of your household</li> <li>to seek medical assistance</li> <li>to provide care and assistance to a vulnerable person, or to provide emergency assistance</li> <li>to donate blood</li> <li>to travel for the purposes of work or to provide voluntary or charitable services, where it is not reasonably possible for that person to work or provide those services from home</li> <li>to attend a funeral as a member of the person's household, a close family member, or a friend if family or household members aren't available</li> <li>to fulfill a legal obligation</li> <li>In the case of a minister of religion or worship leader, to go to their place of worship</li> <li>to avoid injury, illness, or to escape the risk of harm</li> <li>to access critical public services including childcare or educational services, social services, services provided by DWP, services provided to victims</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>There is an expanded set of around 40 exemptions for the measures in November. People may also leave home:</li> <li>To exercise or visit a public outdoor place for recreation or exercise (alone, in your household or support/childcare bubble, or with one other person) Children under 5 and disabled people requiring a carer (continuous care) will not count towards the limit of two people meeting in public open space for the purposes of exercise and open air recreation. [outdoor recreation added in May; support bubbles added in June] Indoor and outdoor sports courts and facilities, including golf courses and tennis courts, must close.</li> <li>to obtain or deposit money, use click and collect, or access waste or recycling centres [all added latterly in the Spring]</li> <li>to access registered childcare or supervised activity for children to enable parents to work, seek work or study, or to provide respite care, as well as to run or access youth services for vulnerable children; and to use a childcare bubble</li> <li>to tattend a veterinary service, or attend the care or exercise of a pet or other animal owned or cared for</li> <li>to take part, coach, or accompany an athlete where they are a child, in elite sport training and competition [added in May]</li> <li>to carry out all activities related to moving home (including in person viewings), or to return from a holiday they were on when these restrictions came in [expanded in May]</li> <li>to visit someone who is dying, or who is undergoing medical treatment, or to attend a deathbed wedding</li> <li>to accompany someone to a medical appointment, and for birth visits, or to attend a support group</li> <li>to facilitate an adoption, or to enable contact between siblings where one of them is in care</li> </ul>
Business closures	<ul> <li>Essential retail open.</li> <li>Non-essential retail restricted to delivery only and orders taken by phone, online, or by post.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>There is also a larger set of businesses permitted to remain open, or to remain open for specific purposes:</li> <li>Garden centres, money transfer businesses, and building merchants/services able to remain open as essential retail [all added in the Spring]</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>Hospitality restricted to delivery and takeaway only.</li> <li>Entertainment, leisure, and personal care closed.</li> <li>Accommodation must close except for where used as main residence, unable to return to their main residence, require accommodation moving house or attending a funeral, to provide accommodation or support to homeless, to host blood donation sessions, or for any purposes requested by Secretary of State or a local authority.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Exemptions for auction houses for the auction of agricultural equipment and livestock [added in the Spring]</li> <li>Outdoor market stalls selling items classified as essential goods are also allowed to stay open</li> <li>Non-essential retail is allowed to operate click-and-collect services (where goods are pre-ordered and collected off the premises) as well as delivery. [added in the Spring]</li> <li>There are wider exemptions for accommodation including for: elite sport, workers where necessary,, supporting self-isolation where legally required, women's and vulnerable person's refuge, children's homes and educational accommodation.</li> <li>Hospitality settings are also able to offer drive-through, and click-and-collect as well as delivery.</li> <li>Outdoor attractions at botanical gardens, heritage sites and stately homes, and landmarks are able to remain open.</li> <li>There are also exemptions for entertainment and leisure venues in regards to elite athletes, professional dancers, as well as for hosting exempt activities like support groups, childcare, and supervised activities for children.</li> <li>There is also an exemption for exhibition and conference centres to function as polling stations, as well as the broader exempt activities.</li> <li>Personal trainers are able to train a client in outdoor public space (this should not be allowed in private gardens) [potentially allowed in the Spring]</li> <li>Venues are able to be used for the purposes of professional filming of TV/film.</li> <li>However, some restrictions to be noted:</li> <li>Takeaway alcohol is prohibited from hospitality settings, and all takeaway from hospitality is prevented after 10pm.</li> <li>Homeware must operate as non-essential retail and therefore only operate delivery and click-and-collect,</li> <li>It will be illegal to provide personal care services (like hairdressing, nail painting, piercing, and other beauty services) in people's homes.</li> </ul>
Public buildings and Places of Worship	<ul> <li>Community centres (and town and parish halls) closed except for providing essential voluntary activities or urgent public support services (food banks, homeless support, blood donation, or support an emergency)</li> <li>Libraries must close except for orders received by phone, online, or by post.</li> <li>Places of worship must close except for funerals, to broadcast an act of worship, or for providing essential voluntary services or public support services as set out above).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Community centres and town and parish halls are able to host exempt activities like support groups, childcare, and supervised activities for children.</li> <li>Outdoor playgrounds and allotments remain open.</li> <li>Libraries can open for digital access as well as for click-and-collect, and for other exempt activities, such as support groups.</li> <li>Private or individual prayer will be allowed in Places of Worship, and Places of Worship can function for other exempt activities (for example, when providing registered childcare) [added in June]</li> </ul>

Public services	<ul> <li>Able to leave the house to access critical public services including childcare or educational services, social services, services provided by DWP, services provided to victims.</li> <li>Courts open</li> <li>Civil registrations offices, passport and visa services, waste and recycling centres legally permitted to open (but most choosing to close as unclear if people were allowed to leave home to access them)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Waste and recycling centres also open.</li> <li>Civil registration offices, passport and visa services remaining open.</li> </ul>
Schools and education	Closed, except for children of critical workers, and vulnerable children. This was implemented by guidance/advice (not in regulations).	Open
The clinically extremely vulnerable	Formal shielding advice for clinically extremely vulnerable (not in regulations).	We are not returning to shielding, but we are advising that Clinical Extremely Vulnerable people minimise contacts, and do not go to work if they cannot work from home.

## List of restrictions, closures and exemptions

## 1. Exemptions

**Stay at home exemptions** No person may leave or be outside of their home without a reasonable excuse (unless they are homeless). A reasonable excuse includes the following:

#### Where it is reasonably necessary in order..

- 1. To buy goods or obtains services from relevant open businesses for your own household, for a vulnerable person, or for someone in the same household as a vulnerable person
- 2. To obtain or deposit money to/from a relevant financial services provider
- 3. To exercise or visit a public outdoor place for recreation or exercise (alone, in your household or support/childcare bubble, or with one other person)
- 4. To attend a place of worship
- 5. To attend a permitted Remembrance Sunday event, or specified Armistice day event in Westminster Abbey
- 6. Activities related to the purchase, sale, letting or rental of a residential property (or associated activities including visiting estate agents, viewing properties, preparing properties to move in)
- 7. To meet or visit someone in your support bubble
- 8. To collect ordered food and drink ordered from a business
- 9. To visit waste disposal or recycling centres

#### Work and other obligations;

- 10. Where necessary for the purposes of work or voluntary or charitable services, where it is not reasonably possible to work or provide these services from home.
- 11. To access voluntary and charitable services, such as food banks.
- 12. For the purposes of education or training

- 13. To provide care or assistance to a vulnerable person
- 14. To provide emergency assistance to any person
- 15. To fulfil a legal obligation e.g. attending court, satisfying bail conditions, or participating in legal proceedings
- 16. To access critical public services, such as social services, services provided by DWP, services provided to victims (would also include e.g. registering a birth). FYI- this is a non-exhaustive list.

#### Elite athletes

17. To participate in an elite sport event or training if you are an elite sports person, a coach, or a parent if the sports person is under 18

#### For a medical need

- 18. To seek medical assistance, including to take a test or to be vaccinated
- 19. To donate blood or attend medical trials
- 20. To avoid illness, injury or to escape a risk of harm
- 21. to attend a person giving birth at their request
- 22. to visit a person in hospital/hospice/care home, or to accompany someone to a medical appointment as a family or friend of that person

#### For support and respite

- 23. To attend a support group
- 24. for the purposes of respite care for a vulnerable person, a person with a disability, or a short break in respect of a looked after child

#### Deathbed visits

25. To visit someone reasonably believed to be dying where that person is a member of the household, close family, or friend.

#### <u>Funerals</u>

- 26. To attend a funeral
- 27. A commemorative event celebrating the life of a person who has died.
- 28. To visit a burial ground or remembrance garden to pay respect to a member of that person's household, family or friend.

#### Marriage and civil partnerships

29. To attend a deathbed wedding

#### <u>Children</u>

- 30. To continue existing arrangements for access to and contact between parents and children where they live apart
- 31. To arrange contact between siblings where they don't live together and one or more sibling is in formal care
- 32. To meet prospective adopters if relevant
- 33. To access educational facility, or to accompany a child to those facilities as a parent/carer
- 34. To access Ofsted registered childcare or supervised activities for children to enable a parent to work/undertake education or training/seek work
- 35. For the purposes of informal childcare provided within a childcare bubble

#### Animal welfare

- 36. To attend veterinary services to seek advice about the health or welfare of a pet or other animal in care of that person, or to seek treatment
- 37. to attend to the care or exercise of a pet or other animal cared for by that person

#### Other reasons

- 38. Where reasonably necessary to return home if you were on holiday immediately before the regulations came into force
- 39. To visit someone living in criminal justice accommodation if you are a friend or family member

#### **Gatherings exemptions**

This provision specifies that no person can partake in a gathering which consists of more than two people, unless subject to exemptions.

The provisions around outdoor exercise and recreation will apply to public places, open country, highways etc. as well as botanical gardens and the grounds of other attractions - such as heritage sites or castles (indoor elements must remain closed).

Children under 5 and disabled people requiring a carer (continuous care) will not count towards the limit specified below of two people meeting in public open space for the purposes of exercise and open air recreation.

#### Same or linked households

- 1. People from the same household
- 2. People from the same support bubble
- 3. Childcare bubbles where necessary to provide care for a child who is under 14
- 4. To continue existing arrangements for access to and contact between parents and children where they live apart
- 5. For exercise/open-air recreation (limited to one household/bubble/childcare bubble, or two people)

#### Work and other obligations - where reasonably necessary

- 6. For work purposes or the provision of charitable and voluntary services
- 7. For the purposes of education or training
- 8. To provide emergency assistance
- 9. To enable one or more persons to avoid injury or illness or escape risk of harm
- 10. To provide care or assistance to a vulnerable person
- 11. To facilitate a house move

#### Legal obligations and proceedings

- 12. To fulfill a legal obligation or participate in legal proceeding
- 13. Gatherings in criminal justice accommodation (e.g. prisons)

#### Support Groups

- 14. The gathering is for a support group (including, but not limited to, for victims of crimes, recovering from addictions, new parents, carers, LGBT support, bereavement, vulnerable young people) of up to 15 people, it takes place outside the home and it is reasonably necessary for members of the group to be physically present. Children under 5 do not count as part of the 15.
- 15. Respite care provided for a vulnerable person or person with a disability, or a short break provided in respect of a looked after child

#### Births and visiting people

- 16. Attending a birth at the person giving birth's request
- 17. Visiting someone receiving treatment in hospital, hospice or care home, or accompanying someone to a medical appointment (where the person is family, a household member or a friend).
- 18. To visit someone reasonably believed to be dying where that person is a member of the household, close family or friend
- 19. The gathering is for a deathbed wedding which consists of no more than 6 people, subject to a risk assessment

#### Funerals or commemorative events

- 20. To attend a funeral of no more than 30 persons and takes place outside a private dwelling, subject to a risk assessment
- 21. To attend a commemorative event following a person's death (for instance a stone setting ceremony or ashes scattering) with no more than 15 persons outside a private dwelling, subject to a risk assessment.

#### Elite athletes

22. To participate in an elite sport event or training (as above)

#### <u>Children</u>

- 23. To continue existing arrangements for access to and contact between parents and children where they live apart
- 24. To arrange contact between siblings where they do not live in the same household and one or more siblings is in care
- 25. To meet prospective adopters if relevant
- 26. To access Ofsted registered childcare or supervised activities for children to enable a parent to work/undertake education or training/seek work

#### Remembrance Sunday and Armistice day

- 27. The gathering is to commemorate Remembrance Sunday or Armistice day in Westminster Abbey on 11 November to commemorate the burial of the Unknown Solider and is outside (not in a private dwelling), with people are there as i) part of their work
  - ii) person providing voluntary services in connection with the event

iii) members of the armed forces

iv) veterans of the forces or their carers

v) spectators present on their own or with their household/bubble.

This would be subject to a risk assessment.

## 2. Business and venue closures

BUSINESS OR VENUE	EXEMPTIONS
OPEN	
<ul> <li>Essential retail (i.e. those premises that provide goods or services for sale or hire, but should remain open)</li> <li>Food retailers (food markets, supermarkets, convenience stores, and corner shops)</li> <li>Off-licenses and licenses shops selling alcohol (including breweries)</li> <li>Pharmacies (including non-dispensing pharmacies) and chemists</li> <li>Newsagents</li> <li>Building merchants and building services,</li> <li>garden centres</li> <li>hardware stores</li> <li>Petrol stations</li> <li>Car repair and MOT services</li> <li>Bicycle shops</li> <li>Taxi or vehicle hire businesses</li> <li>Banks, building societies, credit unions, short term loan providers and cash points</li> <li>Money transfer businesses and currency exchange offices and savings clubs</li> <li>Post offices</li> <li>Funeral directors</li> </ul>	NB Businesses providing services (rather than goods) are not closed by default, so the fact they are not listed here does not mean they are closed.

<ul> <li>Laundrettes and dry cleaners</li> <li>Dental services, opticians, audiology services, chiroprody, chiropractors, osteopaths, and other medical services including services relating to mental health.</li> <li>Veterinary surgeons and pet shops</li> <li>Animal rescue centres and boarding facilities</li> <li>Agricultural supplies shops</li> <li>Storage and distribution facilities, including delivery dropoff or collection points, where the facilities are in the premises</li> <li>Car parks</li> <li>Public toilets</li> <li>Outdoor market stalls that sell essential retail (in addition to outdoor stalls that sell food and livestock).</li> </ul>	
CLOSED	
<ul> <li>All non-exempted premises that provide goods or services for sale or hire. Including:</li> <li>Betting shops</li> <li>Auction houses (except for agricultural equipment and livestock auctions (including horses)).</li> <li>Car and vehicle showrooms and car washes (note - this does not prohibit vehicle rental where this takes place in a showroom)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Delivery</li> <li>Click-and-collect (where orders are pre-ordered online, by phone,or post and orders are collected without entering the premises)</li> <li>For the use of the closed venue for professional recording of TV/Film/Adverts/Audio</li> </ul>

<ul> <li>Not covered explicitly in the SI but also required to close as are non-exempted premises that provide goods or services for sale or hire:</li> <li>indoor markets (where not exempted as food markets, livestock, or outdoor stalls selling essential retail)</li> <li>retail galleries</li> <li>Charity shops</li> <li>Clothes retail</li> <li>Travel agents</li> <li>High-street solicitors</li> <li>Tailors</li> <li>Antique stores</li> <li>tobacco and vape shops</li> <li>electric goods stores and mobile phone shops</li> </ul>	
Hospitality ● Cafes	<ul> <li>Click-and-collect (where orders are pre-ordered online, by phone, or post and orders are collected without entering the premises)</li> </ul>

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<ul> <li>Restaurants (including dining rooms in hotels or members' clubs)</li> <li>Bars (including bars in hotels or members' clubs</li> <li>Pubs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Delivery</li> <li>Takeaway (up until 10pm and excluding alcohol)</li> <li>Drive-through (provided the purchaser does not leave the vehicle)</li> </ul>
• Social Clubs	<ul> <li>Premises exempted:</li> <li>Workplace canteens where no practical alternative for workers</li> <li>Cafes and canteens in: <ul> <li>schools, or providers of post-16 education and training</li> <li>hospitals, care homes</li> <li>criminal justice accommodation</li> <li>military/naval/airforce or MoD purposes,</li> </ul> </li> <li>Services providing food and drink to the homeless</li> <li>hotel room service</li> </ul> Food and drink is allowed to be consumed at adjacent seating to a venue at: <ul> <li>motorway service areas</li> <li>airports, maritime ports</li> <li>international rail terminal at Cheriton, Folkstone.</li> </ul> Food and drink is also allowed to be purchased for takeaway after 10pm at these specific places. <ul> <li>Maintenance by staff members in all venues is permitted.</li> </ul>
Accommodation <ul> <li>Hotels (including boat-hotels)</li> <li>canal boats)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Exemptions for any person, who:</li> <li>Is unable to return to their main residence</li> <li>Uses that venues as their main residence</li> </ul>

<ul> <li>Hostels</li> <li>Bed &amp; Breakfasts</li> <li>Guest and boarding houses</li> <li>Caravan parks</li> <li>Campsites</li> <li>Holiday home, apartment, cottage, or bungalow</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Needs accommodation while moving house</li> <li>Needs accommodation to attend a funeral</li> <li>Is self-isolating as required by law</li> <li>is an elite athlete, and their ancillary staff (and their parents if athlete is a child) and needs accommodation for training or competition</li> <li>as well as providing for: <ul> <li>The purposes of work</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The purposes of work</li> <li>A child requiring accommodation for the purposes of education</li> <li>The purposes of a women's refuge or a vulnerable person's refuge</li> <li>Support services for the homeless</li> <li>Any person who staying in that accommodation immediately before the regulations come into force</li> <li>Hosting blood donation sessions</li> <li>Any purpose requested by Secretary of State or a local authority</li> <li>Maintenance by staff members</li> </ul>
Places of worship	<ul> <li>Independent prayer</li> <li>To broadcast acts of worship</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>For essential voluntary and urgent public services (including provision of food banks or other support for the homeless or vulnerable people, blood donations or emergency or charitable support)</li> <li>Support groups</li> <li>Registered childcare</li> <li>For mainstream educational provision (e.g. where part of the estate of a faith school) or training</li> <li>Supervised children's activities as per gatherings/stay at home exemptions</li> <li>Funerals and related commemorative events</li> <li>Maintenance by staff members</li> </ul>
Exhibition and conference centres	<ul> <li>Closed in law for the purposes of hosting (unless attended solely by employees of the owner/operator of the centre):</li> <li>conferences, exhibitions, and trade shows</li> <li>private dining events and banquets</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>This would enable them implicitly to be used for the following exemptions:</li> <li>Provision of food banks or other support for the homeless or vulnerable people</li> <li>Blood donation sessions or support in an emergency</li> <li>Any purposes requested by the Secretary of State, or a local authority (including to operate as a Nightingale hospital)</li> <li>Support groups</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>Registered childcare</li> <li>Supervised children's activities as per gatherings/stay at home exemptions</li> <li>Maintenance by staff members</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Personal care</li> <li>Explicitly closed in regs: <ul> <li>Hair and barbers salons</li> <li>Tanning salons</li> <li>Beauty and nail salons</li> <li>Tattoo parlours</li> <li>Spas</li> <li>Massage parlours</li> <li>Body and skin piercing parlours</li> </ul> </li> <li>Implicitly closed: <ul> <li>Non-medical acupuncture and cosmetic procedures (not explicit in regs)</li> </ul> </li> <li>These services will also be legally prohibited in homes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Exemptions for: <ul> <li>(Implicitly) treatments where required for medical reasons as specified / prescribed by a qualified practitioner (e.g. cosmetic services for burn victims, hair prosthetics for those undergoing cancer treatment, prescribed massage treatment)</li> <li>(implicitly) Professional makeup and hair workers in TV and film industry or in production shoots (though won't be explicit in the law)</li> <li>For the use of the closed venue for professional recording of TV/Film/Adverts/Audio</li> <li>Blood donation</li> <li>Maintenance by staff members</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Leisure	The following venues are permitted to be used by schools or for providers
Leisure centres	for post-16 education or training as part of full time education:
<ul> <li>Indoor and outdoor gyms</li> </ul>	Leisure centres
<ul> <li>Dance and fitness studios</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Indoor gyms</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Indoor and outdoor sports courts and facilities, including</li> </ul>	Fitness studios
golf courses and tennis courts	Swimming pools
<ul> <li>Swimming pools (indoor and outdoor)</li> </ul>	Sports courts
<ul> <li>Stables and riding centres</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Archery, shooting and driving ranges</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For training by elite athletes or professional dancers and</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Climbing walls and climbing centres</li> </ul>	choreographers, and ancillary staff
<ul> <li>Indoor playgrounds</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Support groups</li> </ul>
	Blood donation
Implicitly:	• Registered childcare or other supervised activities (e.g. if in a leisure
Climbing walls and centres	centre, indoor gym, or indoor fitness studio)
	<ul> <li>To provide care for your own horse</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Outdoor playgrounds are open</li> </ul>
	• For the use of the closed venue for professional recording of
	TV/Film/Adverts/Audio
	<ul> <li>Maintenance by staff members</li> </ul>
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#### Entertainment

- Adult gaming centres and amusement arcades
- Casinos
- Bingo halls
- Bowling alleys
- Skating rinks
- Cinemas
- Concert halls
- Theatres
- Museums and galleries
- indoor games, recreation and entertainment venues (e.g. laser quest and escape rooms)
- Indoor play areas, including soft play centres and areas
- Water parks, aqua parks
- Theme parks
- Adventure parks, and activities
- Model villages
- Circuses, funfairs and fairgrounds
- Zoos, safari parks, aquariums, farms, wildlife reserves or any other attraction where animals are exhibited to the public.
- Visitor attractions at film studios
- Indoor attractions at botanical gardens, heritage homes or National Trust properties, sculpture parks, landmarks (including observation wheels and viewing platforms)

- Outdoor attractions at botanical gardens, heritage homes or National Trust properties, sculpture parks, landmarks (including observation wheels and viewing platforms)
- Blood donation
- For elite athletes or professional dancers and choreographers
- Theatres and concert/music venues For professional training, rehearsals or broadcast, but closed to the public
- For the use of the closed venue for professional recording of TV/Film/Adverts/Audio
- Maintenance by staff members

<ul> <li>Implicitly:</li> <li>music venues (not captured by concert halls, theatres, or any hospitality venue)</li> <li>Go-Karting</li> <li>Trampolining centres.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Public buildings</li> <li>Community centres and halls</li> <li>Libraries</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In community centres and halls:</li> <li>For essential voluntary and urgent public services, including provision of food banks or other support for the homeless or vulnerable people)</li> <li>Education and training</li> <li>Blood donation sessions or support in an emergency</li> <li>Childcare (formal or otherwise in the form of supervised activities for children) but only where reasonably necessary to enable a parent, or a person who has parental responsibility for, or care of, the child in question, to work, search for work, or to undertake training or education</li> <li>Support groups</li> <li>For professional filming of TV/Film</li> </ul>
	In libraries: Click-and-collect support groups Registered childcare education or training

<ul> <li>provide essential voluntary or public support services, including to enable digital access</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>For professional filming of TV/Film</li> <li>criminal justice accommodation exempt</li> </ul>

### 3. Penalties

The fixed penalty for individual offences will start at £200 (reduced to £100 if paid within 14 days), doubling upon repeat offences up to £6,400.

The fixed penalty for business restriction offences Individual offences starts at £1000, and rising with each repeat offence to £10,000. A business can also be served with a prohibition notice where it is necessary for preventing a business from continuing to contravene a restriction or requirement.

The fixed penalty for hosting a gathering of over 30 people is £10,000.