## Consultation: Using a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to deal with anti-social behaviour in public

A PSPO is a new provision created by the Anti-Social behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. It is intended to deal with particular nuisances or problems in a defined area that are considered to be detrimental to the local community's quality of life. It does this by imposing conditions on the use of that area which will apply to everyone so that the majority of people can enjoy the public space.

The Council has the power to implement PSPOs with the purpose of stopping individuals or groups committing anti-social behaviour in public spaces. Anti-social behaviour is a broad term used to describe the day-to-day incidents of crime, nuisance and disorder that make many people's lives a misery – such as public drunkenness, graffiti, dog fouling, urinating in the street, aggressive begging and aggressive face to face charity collections.

The council is seeking your views about the impact of these behaviours through an extensive consultation, so that we can decide if the Council should bring in a PSPO.

Breach of a requirement in a PSPO to desist in a particular activity is a criminal offence which can result in a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) of up to £100, or a fine of up to £1,000 if prosecuted. The Council and the Police are authorised under the Act to enforce PSPOs.



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