

Appendix 1

Public Spaces Protection Orders Consultation Plan

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs)

Consultation Plan

Introduction and Overview

PSPO's are intended to deal with a nuisance or problem in a specific area that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life, by imposing appropriate and proportionate conditions on the use of that area which apply to everyone.

The Orders impacting the Town Centre & Clifton Park anti-social behaviour, plus the Borough-wide dog fouling Order, were renewed for 12 months in January 2024. In the consultation process leading to these renewals, support was seen in relation to varying the Orders in terms of variation of requirements and prohibitions. This consultation will look to further build on this with a view the new Orders due in January 2025.

Current Town Centre PSPO Prohibitions

- Behaving in such a way or using language that causes, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to another person.
- Making unsolicited approaches, in the open air, for the purposes of face-to-face fundraising and marketing of commercial products, carried out by organisations without the prior written permission from the Council.
- Failing to keep a dog on a leash and under control (otherwise than within the designated area within Clifton Park as shown on the map contained in Schedule 2, where dogs may be off leads, but must remain under control).
- Depositing and leaving litter.
- Urinating or defecating in public, other than within designated public toilets.
- Spitting saliva or any other product from the mouth.
- Consuming alcohol other than on licensed premises or at a licensed event.

Current Dog Fouling Transitioned PSPO Prohibitions

- Failing to remove and appropriately dispose of dog faeces

Consultation issues:

- What are stakeholders current priorities in relation to Town Centre and Dog Control Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)?
- How do the current Orders match to these priorities?
- Consider varied requirements/ prohibitions in relation to the following proposed issues to be included:
 - **Town Centre PSPO**
 - Acting in a way that causes or may cause harassment, alarm or distress.
 - Approaching people for marketing or fund-raising purposes without a Licence.

- Keeping dogs on a lead (other than in the designated dog exercise areas in Clifton Park).
 - Urinating or defecating in public.
 - Spitting.
 - Nuisance vehicles.
 - Fireworks.
 - Persistent and repeated or aggressive begging.
 - Continuing to consume alcohol when required to stop doing so by any authorised officer.
 - Any other matter arising from Consultees responses and corroborated by Crime and ASB data held by Agencies.
 - Flyposting
- Borough Wide Dog Fouling PSPO
 - Failing to remove and appropriately dispose of dog faeces.
 - A person in charge of a dog must put the dog on a lead when requested to do so by an authorised officer.
 - A person must keep a dog on a lead in a cemetery.
 - A person must not take a dog into or keep it within a fenced/enclosed children's play area.
 - A person in charge of a dog must carry suitable means to remove any dog fouling.
 - Any other matter arising from Consultees responses and corroborated by Crime and ASB data held by Agencies.

Consultation Period

The consultation period will run for 6 weeks, commencing on 18th September 2024 and end on 30th October 2024. This will allow submission of a further report and amended Order(s) for Cabinet on 18th November 2024.

Who will be consulted?

- South Yorkshire Police – Chief Inspector Neighbourhoods
 - South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority
 - South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue
 - All Ward Councillors
 - Key Stakeholders
- Transport
 - Travel South Yorkshire – Rotherham Interchange
 - National Rail – Rotherham Railway Station
 - Schools and Colleges
 - Rotherham College
 - Thomas Rotherham College
 - Community Organisations
 - Rotherham Ethnic Minority Alliance (REMA)

- Friends of Clifton Park Community Group
- Clifton Learning Partnership
- Voluntary Action Rotherham
- Businesses
 - Rotherham Voice (all town centre businesses)
 - Barnsley and Rotherham Chamber of Commerce
 - Rotherham Markets
- Parish and Town Councils
 - Anston Parish Council
 - Aston cum Aughton Parish Council
 - Bramley Parish Council
 - Brampton Bierlow Parish Council
 - Brinsworth Parish Council
 - Catcliffe Parish Council
 - Dalton Parish Council
 - Dinnington St. John's Town Council
 - Firbeck Parish Council
 - Gildingwells Parish Council
 - Harthill with Woodall Parish
 - Hellaby Parish Council
 - Hooton Levitt Parish Council
 - Hooton Roberts Parish Council
 - Laughton en le Morthen Parish Council
 - Letwell Parish Council
 - Maltby Town Council Council
 - Orgreave Parish Council
 - Ravenfield Parish Council
 - Thorpe Salvin Parish Council
 - Thrybergh Parish Council
 - Thurcroft Parish Council
 - Todwick Parish Council
 - Treeton Parish Council
 - Ulley Parish Council
 - Wales Parish Council
 - Waverley Community Council
 - Wentworth Parish Council
 - Whiston Parish Council
 - Wickersley Parish Council
 - Woodsetts Parish Council

Methods of consultation

- In writing (Partners/Organisations)
- Online survey (RMBC Website)
- Workshops
- Town Centre Stands

- Printed questionnaires at public facing events and on request
- Community Action Partnership (CAP) / Ward Briefings – in person
- Visits to Town Centre businesses / Town Centre Walkabouts

Communication

- RMBC Website
- Safer Rotherham Partnership Website
- Social media
- Posters/leaflets in local community
- Neighbourhoods communication
- Member briefings

Data and Information

Quantitative Data will be requested from South Yorkshire Police Data and Performance team in relation to both Orders. This will focus on the geographical areas, ASB and crime trends in the Town Centre and Clifton Park, and also dog related ASB across the Borough. Similarly, internal Council departments such as Environmental Health and Housing will provide data for interrogation and analysis.

Qualitative data will also be invited from operational officers in relation to how the tools are used, and nature of the incidents they are asked to deal with on a day-to-day basis.