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Mr Craig Cornwall  
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Dear Mr Cornwall

**Re: PSPO Consultation**

As part of the ongoing consultation around the Public Spaces Protection Order, South Yorkshire Police fully support the renewal of both Rotherham Town Centre and Clifton Park, along with the dog related issues across the borough. Our rationale is documented below,

Numerous complaints are regularly received from both the local community as well as visitors to the Town Centre regarding anti-social behaviour, specifically, begging and vagrancy, noise, rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour and street drinking. This is also corroborated by the local Neighbourhood Policing Team who will regularly observe and manage such behaviour first hand, as well as receiving concerns and complaints from the members of the public and the local community.

Since the start of this year, there have been 417 reports to South Yorkshire Police within the area under consultation in relation to those above categories of anti-social behaviour. This is in addition to the issues that have been managed through officer intervention rather than a police incident being created or anti-social behaviour that has been recorded under another crime category.

The renewal of this Public Spaces Protection Order would afford both South Yorkshire Police and partner agencies the necessary legislative tools to manage such complaints in a robust manner. This is a real positive given some of the current legislative challenges in dealing with certain circumstances.

The additional powers afforded under the Public Spaces Protection Order would serve to reassure the community that both South Yorkshire Police and partners are taking their concerns seriously and seeking to take appropriate action. Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour remain one of the priorities for South Yorkshire Police and building Safer Stronger Communities is a priority for the Safer Rotherham Partnership. The renewal of the Public Spaces Protection Order would help achieve these priorities.

Yours sincerely



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