

Appendix 4: 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 Order impacting Fitzwilliam Road and Eastwood, was renewed for 3 years in June 2022. 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 Order due in July 2025.

Current Fitzwilliam Road PSPO Prohibitions

- i. Consuming alcohol other than on licensed premises or at a licensed event
- ii. Behaving in such a way or using language that causes, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to another person.
- iii. Causing noise that is likely to have a detrimental impact on a person(s) quality of life
- iv. Each relevant person must ensure that the wheelie bin(s) for their property or waste presented for collection in a manner specified for their property is not situated outside the boundary of their premises other than between 6pm on the day before collection is due, and 9pm on the day of collection unless the wheelie bin is in an identifiable bin storage area or yard for wheelie bins of their property.

Consultation issues:

- What are stakeholders current priorities in relation to Eastwood ASB?
- How does the current Order match to these priorities?
- Consider varied requirements/ prohibitions in relation to the following proposed issues to be included:
 - **Fitzwilliam Road PSPO**
 - Consuming alcohol other than on licensed premises or at a licensed event
 - Behaving in such a way or using language that causes, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to another person.
 - Causing noise that is likely to have a detrimental impact on a person(s) quality of life
 - Each relevant person must ensure that the wheelie bin(s) for their property or waste presented for collection in a manner specified for their property is not situated outside the boundary of their premises other than between 6pm on the day before collection is due, and 9pm on the day of collection unless the wheelie bin is in an identifiable bin storage area or yard for wheelie bins of their property.
 - 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.

Consultation Period

The consultation period will run for 4 weeks, commencing on 22 April 2025 and end on 20 May 2025. This will allow submission of a further report and amended Order(s) for Cabinet in July 2025.

Who will be consulted?

- South Yorkshire Police – Chief Inspector Kevin Bradley
- South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority
- South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue
- All Ward Councillors
- RMBC departments:
 - Early Help
 - Youth Offending Service
 - Community Protection
 - Housing
 - Homelessness Team
 - Neighbourhoods
 - Greenspaces
 - Highways
 - Rotherham Youth Cabinet
- Transport
 - Travel South Yorkshire – Rotherham Interchange
 - National Rail – Rotherham Railway Station
- Schools and Colleges
 - Rotherham College
 - Eastwood Village Primary School
- Community Organisations
 - REMA
 - Clifton Learning Partnership
- Businesses
 - All local businesses
- The Public

Methods of consultation

- In writing (Partners/Organisations)
- Online survey (RMBC Website)
- Printed questionnaires at public facing events and on request
- Drop in sessions at Community Organisations
- CAP / Ward Briefings – in person
- Visits to Eastwood businesses / Eastwood 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 the Orders. This will focus on the geographical area, ASB and crime trends in the Eastwood. 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.

Proposed Activity Tracker

This tracker will be updated throughout the Consultation project and will be provided with the further Cabinet Report due at the close of consultation for assurance and update.

| Date of Planned Activity | Activity | Update / RAG / Further action |
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| W/C 24 March 2025 | Member briefing with offer of face to face or Teams meeting with relevant Ward Members – Rotherham East, | Completed |
| February 2025 | Meeting with South Yorkshire Police Intelligence team to request relevant data within 14 days | Completed |
| March 2025 | Officer Decision recommending consultation on the Orders reviewed and authorised | Completed |
| W/C 15 April 2025 | Public Consultation commences – online survey goes live with Council Social media signposting and Press Release | Completed |
| W/C 22 April 2025 | Establish PSPO Consultation Task & Finish Group to meet weekly to review data, consultation responses received so far and identify any further opportunities or challenges. Key representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulation and Enforcement Management - Central South Yorkshire Police NPT Inspector - Neighbourhoods | Completed |
| W/C 31 March 2025 | Briefing to all Members re: Consultation with email link to survey. Offer of Teams Briefing around Member availability to be made as part of same briefing. Environmental Health attendance at all intervening CAP briefings to reaffirm. | Completed |
| W/C 24 March 2025 | Formal engagement with South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner/ South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (Email & survey links) | Completed |
| W/C 24 March 2025 | Formal engagement with South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue (Email & survey links) | Completed |
| W/C 24 March 2025 | Email engagement with Children's Services Lead – Consultation activity - agree communication to Young People / Young Carers / Children in Care / Youth Council (via email to lead representatives and social media channels / news forums) | Completed |

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| W/C 24 March 2025 | PSPO Consultation Task & Finish Group to meet weekly to review data, consultation responses received so far and identify any further opportunities or challenges. | Completed |
| April 2025 | Pro-active Visits to Eastwood businesses with post card type leaflets with QR code to survey | Completed |
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| April 2025 | <p>PSPO Consultation Task & Finish Group to meet weekly to review data, consultation responses received so far and identify any further opportunities or challenges.</p> <p>This meeting will be used to reflect on quantity and quality of responses so far, and plan and execute the final 3 weeks of consultation accordingly – noting the statutorily required activity will also be complete but may need nudging.</p> | Completed |
| May 2025 | Stand at Clifton Learning Partnership - printed leaflets and questionnaires | Completed |
| 20 May 2025 | Public Consultation Closes | Completed |
| 20 May – 27 May 2025 | Analyse consultation responses, draft new Orders and report with recommendations. | Completed |
| July 2025 | New report on future of the Orders reviewed in Cabinet. | |