



Aylesbury Vale Parks and Open Spaces Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) consultation 2022

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Overview

We want to hear your views on our proposal to extend an existing Public Spaces Protection Order in parks / open spaces in the Aylesbury Vale area of Buckinghamshire.

We have a key role to play in helping make local places safe to live, visit and work in. Tackling anti-social behaviour continues to be a high priority for us and our partners.

Public Spaces Protection Orders are aimed at ensuring public spaces can be enjoyed free from anti-social behaviour. They provide us with legal powers to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in a defined area.

It is key that we address and reduce these issues from occurring, by consulting with members of the public and other key stakeholders.

We want to hear from residents and organisations in the Aylesbury Vale area of Buckinghamshire as well as those who visit parks or open spaces in Aylesbury Vale.

What is a PSPO?

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) are intended to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in a specific area that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life. This is achieved by imposing conditions on the use of that area, which apply to everyone.

Councils can use PSPOs to prohibit specified activities, and / or require certain things to be done by people engaged in particular activities, within a defined public area.

A single PSPO can be used to target a range of different anti-social behaviour issues. A PSPO can last for up to three years, after which it must be reviewed.

What can PSPOs be used for?

PSPOs can be used to restrict a broad range of activities.

Under section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, local authorities must be satisfied on reasonable grounds that the activity subject to an Order:

- has a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality (or it is likely that activities will take place and have such an effect)
- is (or is likely to be) persistent or continuing in nature
- is (or is likely to be) unreasonable
- justifies the restrictions being imposed.

How are PSPOs enforced?

Authorised officers from Buckinghamshire Council and the Police will be able to enforce the restrictions and requirements of a PSPO, which can include issuing Fixed Penalty Notices.

The Fixed Penalty Notice for a breach of a PSPO is £60 if paid within 10 days, and £100 if paid within 14 days.

Aylesbury Vale Parks and Open Spaces Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)

The Aylesbury Vale Parks and Open Spaces PSPO was introduced on 20 October 2017 to address anti-social behaviour in the public place.

The PSPO was varied on 9 September 2019 to address anti-social use of mechanically propelled vehicles in three of the parks / open spaces.

The areas of the PSPO are shown in the Aylesbury Vale Parks and Open Spaces PSPO document.

The PSPO addresses the following types of anti-social behaviour:

- a. The consumption of alcohol and anti-social behaviour associated with the consumption of alcohol, taking place in the public place
- b. The use of mechanically propelled vehicles in a way that has caused or may be capable of causing nuisance and / or annoyance anywhere within the public place

Anyone continuing to carry out any of the above activities in the restricted areas is committing an offence.

For full details and conditions of the Order, please see the Aylesbury Vale Parks and Open Spaces PSPO document.

The PSPO was extended for a further two years from 16 October 2020.

What we are proposing / consulting on

We are proposing to extend the Aylesbury Vale Parks and Open Spaces Public Spaces Protection Order for a further three years.

An extension is being proposed to prevent:

- Occurrence or re-occurrence of the activities identified in the Order, or
- An increase in the frequency or seriousness of the activities identified in the Order

If not extended, the Aylesbury Vale Parks and Open Spaces PSPO will expire on 15 October 2022.

We want to hear your views on how the PSPO is addressing anti-social behaviour in the area and whether you think the PSPO should be extended.

Related documents

Before you respond to this consultation, please have a look at the following document. The document is available on the Aylesbury Vale Parks and Open Spaces Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) consultation 2022 page at <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com>

- Aylesbury Vale Parks and Open Spaces PSPO document

How to have your say

You can tell us your views in one of the following ways:

- Complete the online survey at <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com>
- Complete, and return, the printed version of the survey below
- Email us at anti-social-behaviour@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
- Write to us at Aylesbury Vale Parks and Open Spaces PSPO consultation 2022, Community Safety Team, Buckinghamshire Council, Walton Street Offices, Walton Street, Aylesbury, HP20 1UA

If you have any questions about this activity, please email us anti-social-behaviour@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or phone us on 0300 131 6000.

Please tell us your views by midnight on Monday 25 July 2022.

What happens next

We will review and consider the consultation responses.

The decision whether to extend the Aylesbury Vale Parks and Open Spaces Public Spaces Protection Order will be made before the end of October 2022.

Privacy

We will use the information you provide here only for this activity. We will store the information securely in line with data protection laws and will not share or publish any personal details. For more information about data and privacy, please see our [Privacy Policy](#).

If you have questions about data and privacy, please email us on dataprotection@buckinghamshire.gov.uk. Or write to our Data Protection Officer at Buckinghamshire Council, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF.

Alcohol and anti-social behaviour

The Aylesbury Vale Parks and Open Spaces PSPO addresses alcohol-related anti-social behaviour in the following parks / open spaces:

1. Alfred Rose Memorial Park
2. Bateman Drive
3. Bedgrove Park and Spinney
4. Carlton Close
5. Aylesbury Cemetery
6. Dunsham Park
7. The Coppice
8. Cottlesloe Open Space
9. Denby Walk and Victoria Park
10. Blackwater Drive Open Space
11. Edinburgh and Walton Court Playing Fields
12. Walton Court Centre
13. Elm Green
14. Haddington Way
15. Haydon Hill
16. Riverside Walk
17. Bowlers Field
18. Oakfield Road
19. Vale Park
20. Somerville Way
21. Simpson Place
22. Waivers Way
23. Whitehill

Anyone continuing to consume alcohol or being in possession of an open container of alcohol in the restricted areas is committing an offence.

For full details and conditions of the Order, please see the Aylesbury Vale Parks and Open Spaces PSPO document.

1. Do you think there is a problem with alcohol-related anti-social behaviour in any of the parks / opens spaces outlined above?

Please tick (✓) one option

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

2. Do you think that alcohol-related anti-social behaviour has reduced in the parks / open spaces outlined above since the Public Spaces Protection Order was introduced in October 2017?

Please tick (✓) one option

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Use of mechanically propelled vehicles

The Aylesbury Vale Parks and Open Spaces PSPO addresses the anti-social use of mechanically propelled vehicles in the following parks / open spaces:

1. Alfred Rose Memorial Park
2. Bedgrove Park and Spinney
3. Edinburgh and Walton Court Playing Fields

Anyone continuing to use a mechanically propelled vehicle in a way that has caused or may be capable of causing nuisance and / or annoyance in the restricted areas is committing an offence.

For full details and conditions of the Order, please see the Aylesbury Vale Parks and Open Spaces PSPO document.

3. Do you think there is a problem with anti-social use of mechanically propelled vehicles in any of the parks / opens spaces outlined above?

Please tick (✓) one option

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

4. Do you think that the anti-social use of mechanically propelled vehicles has reduced in the parks / open spaces outlined above since the Public Spaces Protection Order was introduced in October 2017?

Please tick (✓) one option

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Aylesbury Vale Parks and Open Spaces Public Spaces Protection Order

We are proposing to extend this PSPO for a further three years to prevent:

- Occurrence or re-occurrence of the anti-social behaviour identified in the Order, or
- An increase in the frequency or seriousness of the anti-social behaviour identified in the Order

For full details and conditions of the Order, please see the Aylesbury Vale Parks and Open Spaces PSPO document.

5. Do you think that the Aylesbury Vale Parks and Open Spaces Public Spaces Protection Order should be extended for a further three years?

Please tick (✓) one option

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

6. Please tell us the reasons for your previous answer:

7. If you have any other comments about the Aylesbury Vale Parks and Open Spaces Public Spaces Protection Order, please tell us them here:

About you

8. Which of the following Aylesbury Vale parks / open spaces do you use?

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- Alfred Rose Memorial Park
- Aylesbury Cemetery
- Backwater Drive Open Space
- Bateman Drive
- Bedgrove Park and Spinney
- Bowlers Field
- Carlton Close
- Cottlesloe Open Space
- Denby Walk and Victoria Park
- Dunsham Park
- Edinburgh and Walton Court Playing Fields
- Elm Green
- Haddington Way
- Haydon Hill
- Oakfield Road
- Riverside Walk
- Simpson Place
- Somerville Way
- The Coppice
- Vale Park
- Waivers Way
- Walton Court Centre
- Whitehill
- None of the above

9. Which of the following describe you?

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- I live in the Aylesbury Vale area of Buckinghamshire
- I work in the Aylesbury Vale area of Buckinghamshire
- I visit parks / open space in the Aylesbury Vale area of Buckinghamshire
- I represent or own a business in Buckinghamshire
- I represent a community or voluntary group in Buckinghamshire
- I am an elected representative in Buckinghamshire
- I work for Buckinghamshire Council
- Other (please give details below):

10.If you are responding on behalf of an organisation (e.g. a business or a voluntary group), please provide the following details:

Name of organisation:

Your job title:

11.What is your postcode?

We want to understand the views of people living and working in different areas. You don't have to provide your postcode, but it helps us plan and make considered decisions.

12. How did you find out about this consultation?

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- Local media (newspaper, radio or TV)
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter)
- Nextdoor
- Buckinghamshire Council website or Your Voice Bucks website
- Word of mouth
- Local Community Board
- Local Councillor
- Local Parish / Town Council
- Other (please give details below):

End of the survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Please return your completed survey by midnight on **Monday 25 July 2022.**

You can:

- Email it to anti-social-behaviour@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
- Post it to **Aylesbury Vale Parks and Open Spaces PSPO consultation 2022**, Community Safety Team, Buckinghamshire Council, Walton Street Offices, Walton Street, Aylesbury, HP20 1UA