



Buckingham Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) consultation 2022

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Close date: 11 July 2022

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Overview

We want to hear your views on our proposal to extend an existing Public Spaces Protection Order in Buckingham Town Centre.

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 Buckingham Town Centre as well as those who visit the area.

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. This 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.

Buckingham Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)

The Buckingham Town Centre PSPO was introduced to address the consumption of alcohol and anti-social behaviour associated with the consumption of alcohol, taking place in the public place.

The order was automatically converted from a Designated Public Place Orders on 20 October 2017.

The area of the PSPO is shown in the Map of Buckingham Town Centre PSPO document.

The PSPO restricts any person from consuming alcohol or being in possession of an open container of alcohol within the area of the PSPO at all times. Anyone continuing to carry out these activities in the restricted area is committing an offence.

For full details and conditions of the Order, please see the Buckingham Town Centre 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 Buckingham Town Centre 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 Buckingham Town Centre 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 documents. These documents are available on the Buckingham Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) consultation 2022 page at <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com>

- Buckingham Town Centre PSPO document
- Map of Buckingham Town Centre PSPO

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 Buckingham Town Centre 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 11 July 2022.

What happens next

We will review and consider the consultation responses.

The decision whether to extend the Buckingham Town Centre 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.

Buckingham Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order

The PSPO addresses the consumption of alcohol and anti-social behaviour associated with the consumption of alcohol, taking place in the public place.

The PSPO restricts any person from consuming alcohol or being in possession of an open container of alcohol within the area of the PSPO at all times.

For full details and conditions of the Order, please see the Buckingham Town Centre PSPO document.

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

1. Do you think there is a problem with alcohol-related anti-social behaviour within the area of the Public Spaces Protection Order?

Please tick (✓) one option

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

2. Do you think that alcohol-related anti-social behaviour has reduced in Buckingham Town Centre since the Public Spaces Protection Order was introduced in October 2017?

Please tick (✓) one option

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

3. Do you think that the Buckingham Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order should be extended for a further three years?

Please tick (✓) one option

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

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

5. If you have any other comments about the Buckingham Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order, please tell us them here:

About you

6. Which of the following describe you?

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- I live in Buckingham Town Centre
- I work in Buckingham Town Centre
- I visit Buckingham Town Centre
- 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):

7. 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:

8. 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.

9. 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 11 July 2022.**

You can:

- Email it to anti-social-behaviour@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
- Post it to **Buckingham Town Centre PSPO consultation 2022**,
Buckinghamshire Council, Community Safety Team, Walton Street
Offices, Walton Street, Aylesbury, HP20 1UA