



Chiltern area car parks 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 21 council-controlled car parks in the Chilterns 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 Chiltern area of Buckinghamshire 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 3 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.

Chiltern area car parks Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)

The Chiltern area car parks PSPO was introduced on 2 May 2018 to address anti-social behaviour in the public place.

Car parks covered by the PSPO

This order covers the 21 car parks listed below:

- Amersham
 - Amersham Old Town Car Park, The Broadway, Amersham Old Town, HP7 OHL

- Chiltern Avenue Car Park, Chiltern Avenue, Amersham-on-the-Hill, HP6 5AH
- Chiltern Pools Car Park, Chiltern Avenue, Amersham on the Hill, HP6 5AH
- Civic Centre Car Park, King George V Road, Amersham-on-the-Hill, HP6 5AW
- Council Offices Car Park, King George V Road, Amersham HP6 5AW
- Multi-Storey Car Park, King George V Road, Amersham, HP6 5AP
- Sycamore Road Car Park, Rickmansworth Road, Amersham, HP6 5EQ
- Chalfonts
 - Blizzards Yard Car Park, High Street, Chalfont St Giles, HP8 4QA
 - Cheena Meadow Car Park, Denham Lane, Chalfont St Peter, SL9 0QJ
 - Church Lane Car Park, Church Lane, Chalfont St Peter, SL9 90S
 - Snells Wood Car Park, Cokes Lane, Little Chalfont, HP7 9QA
- Chesham
 - Albany Car Park, St Marys Way, Chesham, HP5 1LL
 - Catlins Car Park, Blucher Street Chesham, HP5 1DS
 - Chesham Station Car Park, The Backs, Chesham, HP5 1DB
 - East Street Car Park, East Street, Chesham, HP5 1DA
 - Moor Road Car Park, Moor Road, Chesham, HP5 1SE
 - Star Yard Car Park, Blucher Street Chesham, HP5 1DS
 - Watermeadow Car Park, Weylands Court, Germain Street Chesham, HP5 1LF
- Great Missenden
 - Buryfield Car Park, Link Road, Great Missenden HP16 9AE
 - Link Road Car Park, Link Road, Great Missenden, HP16 9AE
- Prestwood
 - Prestwood High Street Car Park, High Street, Prestwood, HP16 9ER

The PSPO prohibits the use of a motor vehicle, or creation of noise from a motor vehicle, or behaviour by a person in a way likely to cause nuisance or annoyance to a member of the public, or a risk of harm, damage or injury to a person or property.

This means that the following restrictions apply in these car parks:

- No person being a driver of, or in control of a motor vehicle in any part of the restricted area, shall:
 - Rev (i.e. accelerate, whilst the vehicle's clutch is disengaged) an engine of a motor vehicle;
 - Suddenly or rapidly accelerate a motor vehicle;
 - Race with any other motor vehicle;
 - Leave the engine of a motor vehicle running on idle other than when queueing to park or depart;
 - Perform any motor vehicle stunts;
 - Sound a horn repetitively; or
 - Play music audible outside of the motor vehicle

- No person in any part of the restricted area shall:
 - Use behaviour towards another person reasonably perceived to be threatening, aggressive or intimidating;
 - Use foul or abusive language;
 - Gather or loiter with any other person(s) in a manner which is (or may reasonably be perceived as) intimidating or threatening to any other member of the public;
 - Use any part of the Restricted Area for skating (whether using inline or roller skates), skateboarding or playing ball games;
 - Use any part of the Restricted Area for cycling in a manner which is (or may reasonably be perceived as) intimidating or threatening to any other member of the public

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

For full details and conditions of the Order, please see the Chiltern area car parks PSPO document.

The PSPO was extended for a further 2 years from 8 April 2021.

What we are proposing / consulting on

We are proposing to extend the Chiltern area car parks Public Spaces Protection Order for a further 3 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 Chiltern area car parks PSPO will expire on 7 April 2023.

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. This is available on the Chiltern area car parks Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) consultation 2022 page at

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com>

- Chiltern area car parks 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 Chiltern area car parks 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 28 November 2022.

What happens next

We will review and consider the consultation responses.

The decision whether to extend the Chiltern area car parks Public Spaces Protection Order will be made before the end of March 2023.

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.

Printed consultation survey

Chiltern area car parks Public Spaces Protection Order

1. Do you think there is a problem with the anti-social behaviours outlined above in any of the car parks of the Public Spaces Protection Order?

Please tick (✓) one option

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

2. Do you think that the anti-social behaviours outlined above have reduced in any of the Chiltern area car parks since the Public Spaces Protection Order was introduced in May 2018?

Please tick (✓) one option

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

3. Do you think that the Chiltern area car parks Public Spaces Protection Order should be extended for a further 3 years?

Please tick (✓) one option

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Please tell us the reasons for your previous answer:

4. If you have any other comments about the Chiltern area car parks Public Spaces Protection Order, please tell us them here:

About you

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5. Which of the following Chiltern area car parks do you use?

Please tick (✓) all that apply

Amersham

- Amersham Old Town Car Park, The Broadway, Amersham Old Town
- Chiltern Avenue Car Park, Chiltern Avenue, Amersham-on-the-Hill
- Chiltern Pools Car Park, Chiltern Avenue, Amersham on the Hill
- Civic Centre Car Park, King George V Road, Amersham-on-the-Hill
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- Star Yard Car Park, Blucher Street Chesham
- Watermeadow Car Park, Weylands Court, Germain Street Chesham

Great Missenden

- Buryfield Car Park, Link Road, Great Missenden
- Link Road Car Park, Link Road, Great Missenden

Prestwood

- Prestwood High Street Car Park, High Street, Prestwood
- None of the above

6. Which of the following describe you?

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- I live in the Chiltern area of Buckinghamshire
- I work in the Chiltern area of Buckinghamshire
- I visit the Chiltern 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):

7. 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

More answer options on the next page

- Local Community Board
- Local Councillor
- Local Parish / Town Council
- Other (please give details below):

8. Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation (e.g. a business or a voluntary group)?

Please tick (✓) one option

- As an individual (go to question 10)
- On behalf of an organisation

On behalf of an organisation

9. Please provide the following details:

Name of organisation:

Your job title:

End of survey if responding on behalf of an organisation

More about you

We want to hear from as many people as possible to understand the views and needs across Buckinghamshire. The following questions help us see if the communities we serve have had the opportunity to be heard through this activity.

All questions are optional. You can skip any questions you do not wish to answer, or you can skip all the questions.

10.What is your postcode?

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

11.What is your age?

Please tick (✓) one option

- Under 16
- 16 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 to 74
- 75 to 84
- Over 85
- Prefer not to say

12.Are you:

Please tick (✓) one option

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say

13.Do you consider yourself to have a disability / disabilities, impairment(s) or long term health condition(s)?

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- Disability / disabilities
- Impairment(s)
- Long term health condition(s)
- No
- Prefer not to say

14. How would you describe your ethnicity?

Please tick (✓) one option

- Asian - British
- Asian - Bangladeshi
- Asian - Chinese
- Asian - Indian
- Asian - Pakistani
- Any other Asian background - Please give details below
- Black - African
- Black - British
- Black - Caribbean
- Any other Black, African or Caribbean background - Please give details below
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Asian
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Black African
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Black British
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Black Caribbean
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - Mixed or Multiple Ethnic backgrounds British
- Any other Mixed or Multiple ethnic background - Please give details below
- White - English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British
- White - Irish
- White - Gypsy or English traveller
- White - Irish Traveller
- White - European
- Any other White background - Please give details below
- Other ethnic group - Arab
- Other ethnic group - Arab British
- Other ethnic group - Please give details below
- Prefer not to say

Please give other details here:

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End of the survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Please return your completed survey by midnight on **28 November 2022**.

You can:

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