



High Wycombe Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) consultation 2022

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Close date: 28 November 2022

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Overview

We want to hear your views on our proposal to vary and extend an existing Public Spaces Protection Order in High Wycombe 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 High Wycombe 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 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.

High Wycombe Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)

The High Wycombe Town Centre PSPO was introduced on 12 March 2020 to address anti-social behaviour in the public place.

The PSPO prohibits any person is from consuming alcohol or having an open container for alcohol in the restricted areas at all times. Anyone continuing to carry out these activities in the restricted areas is committing an offence.

There are exceptions to the restrictions. These are outlined in Schedule 2 of the PSPO document.

What we are proposing / consulting on

We are proposing to vary and extend the High Wycombe Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order for a further 3 years. The variations are:

- An additional condition to enforce the PSPO:
 - “[where a constable or an authorised person reasonably believes that a person] has an open container of alcohol where to do so would be a breach of the prohibition”
- A change to the exceptions listed in Schedule 2 of the PSPO to state permission is granted by our Community Safety Team:
 - “a place where facilities or activities relating to the sale or consumption of alcohol are at the relevant time permitted by virtue of written permission granted by Buckinghamshire Councils’ Community Safety Team”

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

A variation and extension are 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 varied and extended, the High Wycombe Town Centre PSPO will expire on 11 March 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 varied and extended.

Related documents

Before you respond to this consultation, please have a look at the following documents. These are available on the High Wycombe Town Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) consultation 2022 page at <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com>

- Current High Wycombe Town Centre PSPO document
- Varied High Wycombe Town Centre 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 High Wycombe Town Centre 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 vary and extend the High Wycombe Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order will be made before 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.

High Wycombe Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order

- 1. Do you think there is a problem with the anti-social behaviours outlined above within the area 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 High Wycombe Town Centre since the Public Spaces Protection Order was introduced in March 2020?**

Please tick (✓) one option

- Yes
 No
 I don't know

- 3. Do you think that the High Wycombe Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order should be varied and 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 High Wycombe Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order, please tell us them here:**

About you

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5. Which of the following describe you?

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- I live in High Wycombe Town Centre
- I work in High Wycombe Town Centre
- I visit High Wycombe 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 am a member of the High Wycombe Town Committee
- I work for Buckinghamshire Council
- Other (please give details below):

6. 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 9)
- On behalf of an organisation

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

On behalf of an organisation

8. 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 by clicking 'Continue' at the bottom of the page.

9. 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.

10. What is your age?

Please tick (✓) one option

- Under 16
- 16 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44

More answer options on the next page

- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 to 74
- 75 to 84
- Over 85
- Prefer not to say

11. Are you:

Please tick (✓) one option

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say

12. 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

13. 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

More answer options on the next page

- 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:

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 **High Wycombe Town Centre PSPO consultation 2022**, Community Safety Team, Buckinghamshire Council, Walton Street Offices, Walton Street, Aylesbury, HP20 1UA