



High Wycombe Town Centre and Desborough Road Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) consultation 2025

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Overview

We are reviewing all Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) across Buckinghamshire.

We want to hear your views on our proposal to:

- **expire the existing High Wycombe Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order, introduced by Wycombe District Council**
- **expire the existing Desborough Road Public Spaces Protection Order, introduced by Wycombe District Council**
- **introduce a Buckinghamshire Council, High Wycombe Town Centre and Desborough Road Public Spaces Protection Order**

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 across the county.

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, in order to focus on areas of concern.

We want to hear from those who live, work or visit High Wycombe Town Centre and Desborough Road, and representatives of organisations in High Wycombe.

Information about Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs):

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, 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.

High Wycombe Town Centre and Desborough Road Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)

What we are proposing

The [High Wycombe Town Centre PSPO](#) was introduced on 12 March 2020 by Wycombe District Council, to address anti-social behaviour in the public place. The PSPO expires on 12 March 2026.

The [Desborough Road PSPO](#) was introduced on 12 March 2020 by Wycombe District Council, to address anti-social behaviour in the public place. The PSPO expires on 15 February 2026.

We are proposing to:

- expire the High Wycombe Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order
- expire the Desborough Road Public Spaces Protection Order
- introduce a combined High Wycombe and Desborough Road Public Spaces Protection Order

We have engaged with local stakeholders, community boards, town and parish councils, Thames Valley Police, Council services, and members of the business community to develop the proposed PSPO.

The proposed PSPO will prohibit the following activities associated with anti-social behaviours:

- person(s) shall not engage, loiter or solicit with a view to engaging in obtaining sexual services
- consuming alcohol or being in possession of an open container of alcohol
- public urination or defecation
- acting in a manner that causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress
- begging or appearing to be begging or any public performance for the purpose of begging
 - the act of begging is deemed as either approaching people for money, or being stationary and directly asking for money, or positioned on the floor to invite the offer of money or goods
- failure of owner or person in control to remove dog faeces
- placing temporary structures for the purpose of habitation

We are proposing to introduce the new PSPO to prevent:

- occurrence or re-occurrence of the anti-social behaviour identified in the Order
- an increase in the frequency or seriousness of the anti-social behaviour identified in the Order

By taking part in the survey, you have the opportunity to identify other types of anti-social behaviour that you think should be included in the PSPO.

Related documents and links

Before you respond to this activity, please have a look at the following documents and links:

- [High Wycombe Town Centre PSPO](#)
- [Desborough Road PSPO](#)

How to have your say

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

- complete the online survey at yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com
- complete, and return, the printed version of the survey
- email us at anti-social-behaviour@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
- write to us at High Wycombe Town Centre and Desborough Road PSPO consultation 2025, Community Safety Team, Buckinghamshire Council, Walton Street Offices, Walton Street, Aylesbury, HP20 1UA

If you have any questions about this activity, or require this information in another format or language, please email us anti-social-behaviour@buckinghamshire.gov.uk .

Please tell us your views by 11:59pm on Sunday 16 February 2025.

What happens next

We will review and consider the consultation responses.

The decision whether to expire the current High Wycombe Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order, and Desborough Road Public Spaces Protection Order and introduce a combined High Wycombe Town Centre and Desborough Road

Public Spaces Protection Order will be made before the end of September 2025.

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.

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High Wycombe Town Centre PSPO and Desborough Road PSPO

We are proposing to expire the current High Wycombe Town Centre PSPO and the [Desborough Road PSPO](#) and replace them with a combined High Wycombe Town Centre and Desborough Road PSPO.

The proposed High Wycombe Town Centre and Desborough Road PSPO will prohibit the following activities associated with anti-social behaviours:

- person(s) shall not engage, loiter or solicit with a view to engaging in obtaining sexual services
- consuming alcohol or being in possession of an open container of alcohol
- public urination or defecation
- acting in a manner that causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress
- begging or appearing to be begging or any public performance for the purpose of begging

- the act of begging is deemed as either approaching people for money, or being stationary and directly asking for money, or positioned on the floor to invite the offer of money or goods
- failure of owner or person in control to remove dog faeces
- placing temporary structures for the purpose of habitation

Do you think that the current High Wycombe Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order should be expired? (Required)

Please tick (✓) one option

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

If 'No', please tell us the reasons for your answer:

Do you think that the current Desborough Road Public Spaces Protection Order should be expired? (Required)

Please tick (✓) one option

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

If 'No', please tell us the reasons for your answer:

Proposed High Wycombe Town Centre and Desborough Road PSPO – a new Buckinghamshire Council Order

Do you think that the following activities associated with anti-social behaviours have reduced in High Wycombe Town Centre and Desborough Road in the last 18 months? (required)

Please tick (✓) one for each option / statement

	Yes	No	I don't know
Person(s) shall not engage, loiter or solicit with a view to engaging in obtaining sexual services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consuming alcohol or being in possession of an open container of alcohol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public urination and defecation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acting in a manner that causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Failure of owner or person in control to remove dog faeces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Placing temporary structures for the purpose of habitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you think there is a problem with the following activities associated with anti-social behaviours within High Wycombe Town Centre and Desborough Road? (required)

Please tick (✓) one for each option / statement

	Yes	No	I don't know
Person(s) shall not engage, loiter or solicit with a view to engaging in obtaining sexual services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consuming alcohol or being in possession of an open container of alcohol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Public urination and defecation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acting in a manner that causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Begging or appearing to be begging or any public performance for the purpose of begging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Failure of owner or person in control to remove dog faeces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Placing temporary structures for the purpose of habitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you think the proposed High Wycombe Town Centre and Desborough Road PSPO should include the following activities associated with anti-social behaviours? (required)

Please tick (✓) one for each option / statement

	Yes	No	I don't know
Person(s) shall not engage, loiter or solicit with a view to engaging in obtaining sexual services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consuming alcohol or being in possession of an open container of alcohol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public urination and defecation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acting in a manner that causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Begging or appearing to be begging or any public performance for the purpose of begging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Failure of owner or person in control to remove dog faeces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Placing temporary structures for the purpose of habitation

Is there any other activity associated with anti-social behaviour you feel should be included in the High Wycombe Town Centre and Desborough Road PSPO? (Required)

- Yes
- No (go to 'About you' section)
- I don't know (go to 'About you' section)

Please tell us about the activity here:

When did you experience or witness the anti-social behaviour in High Wycombe Town Centre or Desborough Road? (Required)

Please tick (✓) one for each option / statement

	Within the last month	Within the last 6 months	Between 6 months and 1 year ago	Over a year ago	Not applicable
Witnessed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Experienced	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Was the anti-social behaviour that you experienced or witnessed within the existing PSPO area? (Required)

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

If 'No', please tell us where here:

If a report was made to the police, please tell us how you felt about the outcome: (Required)

- Satisfied
- Neither satisfied or not satisfied
- Not satisfied
- I don't know
- Not reported to police

If you have any other comments about the proposed High Wycombe Town Centre and Desborough Road Public Spaces Protection Order, please tell us here:

About you

Which of the following describe you?

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- I live in High Wycombe Town Centre/Desborough Road
- I work in High Wycombe Town Centre/Desborough Road
- I visit High Wycombe Town Centre/Desborough Road
- 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):

How did you find out about this consultation?

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- Local media (newspaper, radio, TV, website or newsfeed)
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter/X, Instagram, Nextdoor or LinkedIn)
- Buckinghamshire Council website or Your Voice Bucks website
- Email or newsletter from Buckinghamshire Council
- Buckinghamshire Council staff or other professionals
- Through working at Buckinghamshire Council
- Poster or leaflet
- Friend or family member
- Local community or special interest group
- Councillor, town/parish council or community board
- Other (please give details below):

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:

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.

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.

What is your age?

Why we ask this: We want to understand the experiences and views of different age groups.

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

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

Why we ask this: We want to understand the experiences and views of disabled people, people with impairments and people with long term health conditions.

Please tick (✓) all that apply

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

Are you:

Why we ask this: We want to understand the experiences and views of different sexes.

Please tick (✓) one option

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say

How would you describe your ethnicity?

Why we ask this: We want to understand the experiences and views of different ethnicities.

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:

End of the survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Please return your completed survey by 11:59pm on Sunday 16 February 2025.

You can:

- email it to anti-social-behaviour@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
- post it to High Wycombe Town Centre and Desborough Road PSPO consultation 2025, Community Safety Team, Buckinghamshire Council, Walton Street Offices, Walton Street, Aylesbury, HP20 1UA