



Pony and Trap Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) consultation

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Close date: 4 January 2026

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Overview

We want to hear your views on our proposal to introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order which would prohibit the use of any equine animals and associated carriages on the following stretches of highway:

- **both side of the carriageway of the A413 from Joiners Lane at the A413 roundabout, Chalfont St Peter, travelling south to the junction of the A413 (Oxford Road and Amersham Road) Denham**
- **both sides of the carriageway of the A40 from Pyebush roundabout, Beaconsfield, travelling southeast to the junction of the A413 (Oxford Road and Amersham Road) Denham**

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 in or travel in the area, and representatives of organisations.

Information about Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs):

What a PSPO is

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. It can last for up to three years, after which it must be reviewed.

What PSPOs can 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 PSPOs are 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.

Pony and Trap Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)

What we are proposing

We are proposing to introduce a Pony and Trap Public Spaces Protection Order.

The PSPO is being proposed to prevent unauthorised pony and trap racing (also known as sulky racing) along both sides of the carriageway:

- A413 from Joiners Lane at the A413 roundabout, Chalfont St Peter, travelling south to the junction of the A413 (Oxford Road and Amersham Road) Denham
- A40 from Pyebush roundabout, Beaconsfield, travelling southeast to the junction of the A413 (Oxford Road and Amersham Road) Denham

These activities are unannounced, unregulated and pose serious risks to public safety.

You can view the proposed stretches of highway on a map at yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com

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 use of any equine animals (such as ponies, horses and donkeys) and any associated carriages (such as traps and carts).

We are proposing to introduce the 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

How to have your say

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

- Complete, and return, this printed version of the survey
- Write to us at Pony and Trap PSPO consultation, Community Safety Team, Buckinghamshire Council, The Gateway, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF

If you have any questions about this activity, please email us anti-social-behaviour@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

Please tell us your views by 11:59pm on Sunday 4 January 2026.

What happens next

We will review and consider the consultation responses.

The decision whether to introduce the Pony and Trap PSPO will be made before the end of February 2026.

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.

Pony and Trap Public Spaces Protection Order

We are proposing to introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order to prohibit the use of any equine animals (such as ponies, horses and donkeys) and associated carriages (such as traps and carts) on the following stretches of highway:

- both side of the carriageway of the A413 from Joiners Lane at the A413 roundabout, Chalfont St Peter, travelling south to the junction of the A413 (Oxford Road and Amersham Road) Denham

- both sides of the carriageway of the A40 from Pyebush roundabout, Beaconsfield, travelling southeast to the junction of the A413 (Oxford Road and Amersham Road) Denham

- 1. Do you think there is a problem with pony and trap races, also known as 'sulky races', on the stretch of the A413 from Joiners Lane at the A413 roundabout, Chalfont St Peter, travelling south to the junction of the A413 (Oxford Road and Amersham Road) Denham?**

Please tick (✓) one option

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ I don't know

- 2. Do you think that the proposed Pony and Trap PSPO should be introduced on the A413 from Joiners Lane at the A413 roundabout, Chalfont St Peter, travelling south to the junction of the A413 (Oxford Road and Amersham Road) Denham?**

Please tick (✓) one option

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ I don't know

- 3. Please tell us the reasons for your previous answer:**

- 4. Do you think there is a problem with pony and trap races, also known as 'sulky races', on the stretch of the A40 from Pyebush roundabout, Beaconsfield, travelling southeast to the junction of the A413 (Oxford Road and Amersham Road) Denham?**

Please tick (✓) one option

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ I don't know

- 5. Do you think that the proposed Pony and Trap PSPO should be introduced on the A40 from Pyebush roundabout, Beaconsfield, travelling southeast to the junction of the A413 (Oxford Road and Amersham Road) Denham?**

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 Pony and Trap PSPO, please tell us here:**

About you

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- 1. Which of the following describe you?**

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- ☐ I live in Chalfont St Peter, Denham, Gerrards Cross and Beaconsfield area
☐ I work in Chalfont St Peter, Denham, Gerrards Cross and Beaconsfield area
☐ I travel in Chalfont St Peter, Denham, Gerrards Cross and Beaconsfield area
☐ 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 represent a Parish / Town Council or Town Committee in Buckinghamshire
- ☐ I work for Buckinghamshire Council
- ☐ Other (please give details below):

2. 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):

3. 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 5)
- ☐ On behalf of an organisation

On behalf of an organisation

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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

7. 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

8. 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

9. 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:

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End of the survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Please return your completed survey by 11:59pm on 4 January 2026. You can:

- email it to anti-social-behaviour@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
- post it to Community Safety Team, Buckinghamshire Council, The Gateway, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF