

Have your say on new anti-social behaviour orders for North Somerset

The Public Space Protection Order Consultation is due to close on Sunday 3rd January 2021.

The consultation was launched at the start of December, jointly between our Community Safety and Environmental Protection teams on new orders to help tackle anti-social behaviour and make our public spaces safer and more welcoming.

In response to concerns from residents and businesses about community safety issues in their area stakeholders, councillors and officers from across council departments (including, for example, community safety, environmental health, parks, equalities, legal), police colleagues and external agencies have helped draft proposed Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) based on first-hand experience of having to handle ASB issues within our communities. The proposals include introducing a number of new and amended Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs).

PSPOs were first introduced by the council in 2017 to deter individuals or groups of individuals committing antisocial behaviour in public places. They are enforced by designated council staff, police officers and Police Community Support Officers and other officers authorised by the council. Anyone breaching a PSPO is reported to the council, who deal with each offence on a case by case basis when deciding the most appropriate action to take which could include a written warning, restorative justice, Fixed Penalty Notice (FPNs) or, in some cases, prosecution.

We are now consulting on new area-wide PSPOs which include inconsiderate parking, aggressive begging, nuisance noise and anti-social driving. There are also proposed changes to the PSPOs on council buildings and sites, children's play areas and skate parks and a number of dog control PSPOs aimed at encouraging responsible dog ownership.

The new orders also include local public spaces such as no swimming at Abbots Pool nature reserve in Abbots Leigh which we were forced to close in the summer following concerns for public health and issues with environmental damage and anti-social behaviour.

So far, we've received a positive response from the residents of North Somerset, but we are still encouraging residents to take part and have their say.

Please give us your feedback, thoughts and questions on these proposals which we will take into consideration before making any final decisions. You can [view all the proposed new orders and have your say online](#).

The consultation closes on Sunday 3 January

Kind regards,

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