

Date: 21 November 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 - Public Spaces Protection Orders

Newark and Sherwood District Council currently has a number of Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) in place. The orders provide enforcement provisions for responsible dog ownership on land used by the public, dispersal and alcohol restrictions alongside a ban on fires at Vicar Water.

A number of the PSPOs will come to an end in 2024 and as such a review of the PSPOs and the related information has been undertaken. To ensure a consistent set of PSPOs are in place the legal process for creating PSPOs needs to begin including the two stage public consultation.

Having considered the existing PSPOs that are in place, it is proposed that the following be considered as part of this process:

PSPO – Dog Control – District wide order for:

- a) failing to remove dog faeces;
- b) not keeping a dog on a lead in a designated dogs on lead areas;
- c) not putting, and keeping, a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer;
- d) permitting a dog to enter land from which dogs are excluded;

PSPO – Prohibition of Fires at Vicar Water

PSPO – Restriction of unauthorised motorised vehicles on various green spaces to prevent fly tipping and nuisance vehicles

PSPO – Closure of Eakring Road to unauthorised vehicles

PSPO – Alcohol restrictions and Dispersal Powers:

- Newark Town Centre
- Balderton – currently has 3 dispersal orders in place

Prior to commencing the first stage public consultation, we are writing to all of our partners to start the process of identifying current issues and concerns alongside requesting evidence to support the continued inclusion of areas that are already subject to a PSPO.

We ask that the Town and Parish Councils provide comments on current PSPOs that are already in place, as well as any areas you feel would benefit from controls.

There are certain parameters we have to meet in order to create PSPO in a given place. The overarching requirement is that the nuisance or problem being dealt with in a defined area is detrimental to the local community's quality of life. The requirements more specifically are:

- currently or likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality;
- be persistent or continuing in nature and;
- be unreasonable.

If these parameters are not met, then the existence of the PSPO may be reconsidered and altered as appropriate.

There is a prescribed procedure that we must follow in order to make a PSPO. Following feedback from Town and Parish Councils and other partners and subject to satisfactory evidence that the public interest requirements are met, we will draw up the proposed order, with legal support, which will then be consulted on with members of the public.

To assist us we would appreciate it if you could complete the questionnaire provided and return by the Friday 12th January 2023. To administrativeservices@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk. All suggestions and comments will be taken into consideration during this process.

Yours faithfully



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