

## Publics Spaces Protection Order Renewal September 2019

### Consultation Responses

Closing Date for Responses: **Friday 20 September 2019**

Responses in Support of the renewal of the PSPO		
Date Received	Name	Comment
<b>1</b> <b>11/09/19</b>	<b>Insp. Craig Berry</b>	From Notts Police perspective we are supportive of the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) renewal as we see it as a valuable tool to deal with prescribed types of anti-social behaviour that know disproportionately effect this area. I would consider it to be necessary, proportionate and lawful to renew the PSPO for a further three years.
<b>2</b> <b>21/08/19</b>	<b>John Butler</b>	Some years ago Nottingham city dispersed all the sleepers , including those begging outside ATMs. They also brought in a litter ban and fined people for even dropping a cigarette end. The streets became clean again. The beggars disappeared and it felt safer and cleaner all round. Today Nottingham city has now gone back to what it was. The enforcements seemed to have disappeared. My point is that enforcement works. Therefore I am in agreement to any enforcement which makes West Bridgford better, cleaner and safer is a plus. I would like to see all litter disappear, all drinking outside public places prohibited. Street begging and sleeping ended. Thanks John resident West Bridgford
<b>3</b> <b>18/9/2019</b>	<b>John Butler</b>	My view is that both drinking and sleeping should be banned from the streets. The streets were made for walking and driving and not for anything else.

		<p>Litter caused by drinking on the streets is rising and litter bans should be in place. The time when litter bans were enforced in Nottingham centre was the time when it was the cleanest iv ever seen. Sleeping definitely should be stopped.</p> <p>John Butler West Brdigford resident</p>
<b>4</b> <b>18/09/19</b>	<b>Abhi Nair</b>	<p>I would support this .Recently we had drunk gentleman near M&amp;S heckling passers by . Bw Abhi Nair</p>
<b>5</b> <b>27/08/19</b>	<b>Richard Elliott</b>	<p>I supported the original order and I support its renewal, not least because I believe it would give the wrong message if the order were to be withdrawn.</p> <p>As a volunteer for the Friends of Sharphill Wood, I believe this area in particular should continue to be covered by a PSPO. The wood is regularly used by groups of mainly school aged children as somewhere to celebrate the end of term or exams away from the public gaze, where our main concern is the litter that they leave, often accompanied by damage to the woodland from fires or deliberate destruction of trees. I believe the existence of the PSPO goes some way to discouraging such anti-social behaviour and hope that the order will be continued.</p> <p>Richard Elliott Rushcliffe resident and FoSW volunteer.</p>
<b>6</b> <b>12/09/19</b>	<b>Cllr A Major</b>	<p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>I wanted to express my support for plans for the renewal of the Public Spaces Protection Order for West Bridgford. It seems to me to be in the best interests of residents and business owners that this is order is maintained to allow those seeking to use our public spaces to do so in safety and comfort. It also gives enforcement officers authorisation to protect our community spaces within clear guidelines, something I believe is a positive for everyone.</p> <p>Yours faithfully, Annie Major</p>

<p><b>7</b> <b>26/08/19</b></p>	<p><b>Bill Logan</b></p>	<p>Sharphill Wood and the surrounding hill are included in the current areas covered by PSPOs. The Friends of Sharphill Wood believe the area should continue to be covered by a PSPO. The wood is regularly used by groups of mainly school aged children as somewhere to celebrate the end of term or exams away from the public gaze. As such they are, of course, committing the offence of under age drinking, but our main concern is the litter that they leave, often accompanied by damage to the woodland from fires or deliberate destruction of trees.</p> <p>We understand the reasons why the police Neighbourhood Teams are not able to respond to reports of such occurrences, but we believe the existence of the PSPO goes some way to discouraging such anti-social behaviour and would hope that the order will be continued.</p> <p>Regards Bill Logan Secretary Friends of Sharphill Wood</p>
<p><b>8</b> <b>03/09/19</b></p>	<p><b>Mike Rivett</b></p>	<p>I wish to register my agreement with the proposal to renew the PSPO, particularly with regard to the inclusion of Sharphill Wood in the areas covered.</p> <p>Although it is not effectively enforced, the PSPO is an important tool in the control of antisocial behaviour in the wood by acting as a deterrent.</p> <p>Mike Rivett</p>
<p><b>9</b> <b>20/08/19</b></p>	<p><b>Clare Towsey</b></p>	<p>Iv seen homeless people weeing in the park, the other day I saw a ladie laying under a Bush with her trouses down. the mess they make is apporling. Our park is for familys to have fun in and not to have to worries about what could be round the corner. Mrs Clare swanwick ( a fond dog Walker around the park each day)</p>

<p><b>10</b> <b>19/09/19</b></p>	<p><b>M G</b> <b>O'Donoghue</b></p>	<p>I note the orders are in part being made to stop people setting up tents on public spaces to inhibit anti-social behaviour such as: Vomiting, urinating and defecating in public areas littering and problems with litter and sanitation associated with longstanding encampments that can dissuade others from using the open space.</p> <p>I note that the whole of Ladybay and The Hook area abutting the Trent is included, but only the playing fields managed by the Council in the Gresham Fields area is covered. <b>I request that the wildlife areas adjacent to The Nottingham Emmanuel School are included in the PSPO.</b> One area is marked on Google maps as Willow Meadow Wildlife Area along the banks of the Trent abutting Emmanuel school lands and the other is the Marsh area between Emmanuel school and Wilford Lane (importantly including the track to the north of Greythorne Dyke).</p> <p>I walk these areas and Gresham Playing fields every day and these wildlife areas are subject to far more anti social behaviour than Gresham Playing Fields itself. In the past two to three years tent encampments have increasingly appeared in the area. I didn't notice any in the 25 years before that.</p> <p>Some are single tents that are around for a few weeks and some have two or three small tents and are around for months and appear only to be abandoned in the cold weather in January &amp; February. I enclose a copy of a section from Google maps showing locations of tents that I have seen this month. Location A (behind the doctors surgery has been there all summer for 4 or 5 months and residents appear to have completely stopped using the path along Greythorne Dyke because of it. Location C is new in the past week or so and may be temporary.</p> <p>These encampments are detrimental to the local community's quality of life. In particular the presence of rough sleepers dissuades people from using the longstanding paths in the area which rapidly become over grown with brambles and tall nettles and within a few weeks or a month or two, depending on season, impassable. The presence of tents seriously reduces the amenity of the area.</p> <p>I have been inhibited from using the paths when tents appear, partly due to the sanitary/health issues particularly if I am walking one of my grandchildren and partly because I am</p>
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<p><b>11</b> <b>08/09/19</b></p>	<p><b>Julia Barnes</b></p>	<p>I am responding to the PSPO consultation on behalf of Holme Pierrepont &amp; Gamston Parish Council.</p> <p>Last summer during the hot weather a random camper pitched up at the Play Park on Ambleside, hanging washing in the trees etc We were assisted by the PSPO in place to get them moved away from the children's play park area.</p> <p>It was noted at the time that the other piece of open space owned by the Parish Council in the area, Gamston Village Hall grounds on Old Tollerton Road in Gamston Village, is not covered by the PSPO. We feel it would hugely benefit from being included.</p> <p>Please could we request that this piece of land is added to the current PSPO. Please could you let me know the process we need to follow.</p> <p>If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.</p> <p>With kind regards and thanks in advance.</p> <p>Mrs Julia Barnes Parish Clerk</p>
<p><b>12</b> <b>21/08/19</b></p>	<p><b>Cllr R Jones</b></p>	<p>Thanks. I have distributed this consultation to some local people. Personally I support the extension of the order and the locations. Just need the police to be aware when residents phone about ASB.</p> <p>Cllr Rod Jones</p>
<p><b>13</b> <b>21/08/19</b></p>	<p><b>John Elwell</b></p>	<p>I support renewal of the PSPO. I believe that withdrawing it would send the wrong message.</p> <p>John Elwell</p>

<p><b>14</b> <b>20/08/19</b></p>	<p><b>John Woodward</b></p>	<p>Please keep the rules in place street drinking increases anti social behaviour</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>John Woodward</p>
<p><b>15</b> <b>20/08/19</b></p>	<p><b>Sharon Holden</b></p>	<p>Although the article in West Bridgford Wire suggested that there has been no rise in incidents during the past three years, I would beg to differ. There seems to be an increase in beggars in West Bridgford particularly on Central Avenue, near West Bridgford Park and also on Melton Road occasionally. Having said that, there has also been an increase in littering in West Bridgford, again in Central Avenue and all the feeder roads that come off it. Some of this is linked to street drinking and begging, but also the lack of litter bins. Could we not have a litter bin near Marks &amp; Spencer's street exit?</p> <p>On Sunday 18 August, there was a youngish man sitting outside Boots asking for money around lunchtime. My daughter felt so upset she asked if we could buy him something from Iceland to give him something to eat. It is rare to see anyone begging during the week as I believe the Public Space Protection Order is effective when enforced. Perhaps this is more of a problem as the enforcement isn't around in the evenings/overnight. Maybe a concerted effort or targeted weekends during the evening would be the best way forward. I personally find the begging a subtle form of aggression and, given the public availability of assistance in both the City and at the Friary, this should not be happening and will ultimately deter people from visiting or shopping in West Bridgford. The Council has recently spent money to increase footfall in Melton Road and this will be pointless if the begging and street drinking go unchecked.</p> <p>I wonder if the recent spate of vandalism, damage to public property and break-ins are linked to street drinking.</p> <p>Mrs Sharon Holden</p>

<p><b>16</b> <b>21/08/19</b></p>	<p><b>William Brew</b></p>	<p>Regarding West Bridgford Public Space Protection Order Consultation.</p> <p>I have noticed in recent months there has been an increase in tramps begging, sleeping and drinking alcohol on both West Bridgford Avenue and more worryingly in Bridgford Park. In the park they are regularly sleeping on the benches or on the quieter grassy areas and openly drinking alcohol individually or in small groups.</p> <p>Bridgford Park never used to have this problem and I am concerned this is only getting worse. Not only is it starting to ruin the tranquillity of the park but also making it unsafe, especially for children playing.</p> <p>Here are just a few of my recent experiences in Bridgford Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- I was sat on a bench eating my lunch and a drunk tramp sat right next to me and started smoking. Rather than just sit at the other end of the bench he deliberately sat touching me in an attempt to intimate me. When I asked him to move away he laughed at me and I was forced to leave.</li><li>- On a sunny day when the park was particularly crowded a tramp was sleeping with all his belongings on one of the benches in front of the Registration Office. Completely ruining that area for people to be in.</li><li>- On the weekend there was a group of tramps drinking on a bench on the other side of the park while the outdoor cinema was taking place. There was also a tramp sleeping right next to the tennis courts and I witnessed another tramp approach a family and ask for money.</li></ul> <p>I've noticed at the moment they are tending to stay near the quieter edges of the park but it's getting worse and they are starting to encroach more and more. It's a shame as I think the park is a brilliant public space and a lovely place to visit.</p> <p>The renewal of the PSPO will be a positive step but more needs to be done to ensure the homeless are not sleeping, begging and drinking alcohol around West Bridgford.</p> <p>Yours faithfully, William Brew</p>
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<p><b>17</b> <b>20/9/2019</b></p>	<p><b>Mark Walker</b> <b>Group Manager</b> <b>– Trading</b> <b>Standards and</b> <b>Communities</b> <b>Nottinghamshire</b> <b>County Council</b></p>	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the consultation, on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council.</p> <p>The County Council would support the renewal of the PSPO. When used sensibly and proportionately, the PSPO provisions offer useful additional tools to partners to deal with issues occurring within the restricted zone. The tools are swift and easy to use, and in the right circumstances, can deal with problems impacting on the public in a more effective and efficient manner than other options.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Mark</p> <p>Mark Walker <b>Group Manager – Trading Standards and Communities</b> Nottinghamshire County Council</p>
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## Responses opposed to the renewal of the PSPO

Date Received	Name	Comment
<p><b>18</b> <b>24/08/19</b></p>	<p><b>Kathy Topping</b></p>	<p>I can't believe that you are stating that you will issue fines to homeless people who have no or little money There are some parts of the proposal that I would agree with for instance urinating or defecating in a public place but I'm almost sure that the law already exists to deal with this already How are you going to police this . We cannot get a policeman to attend a burglary never mind such petty nonsense We need as s society to look at the causes of homelessness instead . It is abundantly clear that it is directly connecting to Tory government polices the reduction in community support in mental health , drug and alcohol services.</p> <p>I would be ashamed to live in an area that proposes such inhumane policies Regards Cathy Topping</p>
<p><b>19</b> <b>25/08/19</b></p>	<p><b>Helen Foster</b></p>	<p>I'd like to comment on your proposed PSPO renewal.</p> <p>I think that when you renew it, you should not include outdoor sleeping in it. It isn't anti-social in itself and with homelessness becoming increasingly common could give already disadvantaged homeless people a criminal record so further disadvantaging them.</p> <p>The inclusion of sleeping outdoors in PSPOs doesn't solve the problem of rough sleeping either, it just moves the problem to neighbouring areas who will then be forced to deal with the real problem.</p> <p>I've lived in West Bridgford for 11 years and have never been affected adversely by anyone sleeping outside so I don't really see the purpose of including it.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>Helen Foster</p>
<p><b>20</b> <b>24/08/19</b></p>	<p><b>Cllr P Gowland</b></p>	<p>Im responding to the consultation</p> <p>I do not believe it is appropriate for a council like Rushcliffe to be fining people for being homeless. It is morally unacceptable and it is bringing the council into disrepute.</p>

<b>21</b> <b>17/09/19</b>	<b>Tim Martin</b>	I feel strongly that criminalising rough sleeping etc is entirely inappropriate. Resources should be provided to house and support such people rather than merely trying to drive them elsewhere
<b>22</b> <b>17/09/19</b>	<b>Rob Eagle</b>	<p>'outdoor sleeping' is a term increasingly used by conservative councils which suggests strongly that such activity is purely a lifestyle choice, taking no account of the entrenched complexity of the lives of those trapped in this form of activity. It is not enough to claim that help was offered but was refused.</p> <p>Please stop using this term and return to using 'rough sleeping' a term which captures the reality, in terms of the impact on health and welfare, of street homelessness.</p>
<b>23</b> <b>20/09/19</b>		<p><b>I.lberty</b> <b>BEN CONEY CRITCHLEY</b> Trainee Solicitor <b>I.lberty</b></p> <p>Summary of comment: lack of evidence, targeting based solely on being rough sleeper contrary to guidance, rough sleeping a symptom of poverty. The pspo is a blunt measure, intervention to article 8 of human rights, behaviours can already be dealt with by existing legislation eg Public Order Act 1986, Highways Act 1980. "Pspo contains inappropriate provision" renewal "would be wrong and potentially unlawful"</p>

#### Responses neutral to the renewal of the PSPO

<b>24</b> <b>27/8/2019</b>	<b>Stuart Taylor</b> <b>Environment Agency</b>	<p>No comment on this order.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>Stuart Taylor</p>
<b>25</b> <b>20/8/2019</b>	<b>Sam Crawford,</b> <b>Friary Dropin Ltd</b>	Many thanks indeed for the below email. I am keen to discuss the below with you if possible and wondered if there might be any potential to meet up with a representative from the Community Safety Team to do so? If a meeting is not feasible might a phone call be possible?

		<p>It's not the case that we are vehemently opposed to the below, I just thought that it might be an opportune moment to touch base and identify any pertinent developments since the PSPO's first inception in 2017.</p> <p>Many thanks again for sending this through and I do hope to be able to meet with you to discuss this.</p> <p><b>Sam Crawford</b> <b>Chief Executive</b></p>
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