

1. PSPO Consultation Outcome

2. Background

3. PSPOs were introduced in October 2014 by the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and are designed to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in a particular area (a public space) that is detrimental to the local community’s quality of life, by imposing conditions on the use of that area which apply to everyone.

4. The specifics of the existing orders can be seen in Annex A.

5. Borough Councils are the lead agency with the responsibility to implement PSPO’s, although the work is undertaken in partnership Surrey Police where we jointly enforce when necessary. The public consultation exercise gives an opportunity for our community to feedback, however the basis of the proposal uses feedback from local crime statistics highlight that areas in the our community where the hot spots lie. This combined with feedback from the Surrey Heath Partnership and Council departments which include: Environmental Services, Business (Green Spaces), Corporate Enforcement, media and marketing, provides a basis for consideration of this proposal.

6. The Consultation

7. An open consultation was promoted from the 7th July-7th August, with all social media channels being utilised. Letters were sent to all known community groups, and local partners inviting participation, and a presentation was given to all partners at the Surrey Heath Partnership meeting on the 15th July.

8. This provided a result from which a total of **41 responses were received**, with an overwhelming support for the extension of the existing proposals. The questions and feedback are detailed below.

9. **Timescales.** If supported the PSPO’s will continue for a further 3 year period to the 13th October 2023, if not they will be discharged from the 13th October 2020.

10. The Summary of feedback

Q1 – Do you broadly agree with the PSPO Proposals – 40 agreed, 1 objected.

<p>Wanted to see greater clarity in relation to the context of the PSPO in what they achieve, and how this will help deal with local incidents.</p>	<p>There was a question relating to seeing an enforcement plan, between Surrey Police and SHBC.</p>
<p>Would like to see a greater community policing presence to help enforce this low level antisocial behaviour x 3</p>	<p>Accent Housing supports the extension and acknowledges that no formal prosecutions have occurred during this period but it is acknowledged that this is an</p>

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	effective in providing both Police and Council with a tool in dealing with low level ASB.
I am pleased to advise that, insofar as it affects Bagshot the Bagshot Society supports the proposal to extend the PSPO for a further 3 years.	Agree with extension and proposal but would like to see an instant removal of Travellers when they make illegal incursions, which can impact the community at large with the anti-social behaviour.

11. Partnership Group Response

- The broad nature of the PSPOs are designed to enable agencies to prevent escalation of low level anti-social behaviour which impacts upon the community. Crime Statistics show a reduction in trend of reported incidents between 2017 and 2020. We work very closely with Surrey Police and jointly share the lead responsibility with our Surrey Heath Enforcement Plan (Annex C). We are open to receive feedback to any of the areas that the orders cover.
- The request for the greater presence of community policing will be fed back to the Local Commander, Alick James to respond to directly, but wherever possible the Police Community Support Officers aim to provide the presence sought by the community.
- Instant removal of travellers, this request falls outside the scope of the Crime and Policing Act 2014. Eviction of travellers is managed through specific legislation and process to deal with this, certainly the behaviour of travellers as with any other group can be managed by the PSPO but not the eviction from any Council owned land.

Q2 – Are there any alterations that you would like to see made to the existing orders within Surrey Heath?

The increase in population has resulted in greater use of the Council green spaces and parkland, would like to see additional signs relating to dog fouling and dogs being kept under control so that users of the countryside are aware.	Supports proposal extension would like scope to extend some of the boundaries to include bus stops, shop fronts, public paths, bridle ways where anyone can gather.
Supports the proposals but would like to see a short-term measure introduced that relates to social distancing and Covid-19 in that in children's play areas and other open spaces the PSPO is used to enforce the social distancing, due to many local people not adhering to the National guidance given.	Would like to see some permanent focus on solutions for young people in Surrey Heath, dedicated space for them consult with the Surrey Heath Youth Council and school Councils in Surrey Heath to find out what they would like to see.

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<p>Would like to see a relaxation of the rule that bans dogs from children’s play areas, and allows dogs to be areas for dogs to be safely leashed so that children and dogs can go out together.</p>	<p>Introduce a more visible presence of enforcement officers in the Council parks to provide some on the spot fines for the less responsible dog owners who allow their animals to mess without clearing it up.</p>
<p>Would like the SANGS introduced specifically in Frimley, as during the summer months a lot of litter is thrown.</p>	<p>Illegal motorbikes riding in wooded areas, and being reported to 101, young people riding motor bikes on paths.</p>
<p>Young people using legal highs at Camberley railway station and the Accent office car park, the evidence is via many discarded nitrous oxide canisters. Can this order be extended to cover this private land.</p>	

12. Partnership Group Response

- In relation to the Covid-19 pandemic and the Government guidance recommended for social distancing the Partnership will look towards providing some further joint Police and Council Enforcement staff patrols to deter those who are not following the guidance and promote this locally.
- The Public Space Protection orders generally cover areas such as bus stops, shop fronts etc., anywhere that is deemed to be public, the only excluded areas would be privately owned.
- For all publically owned green space areas, the Council will undertake an exercise to ensure that the signage is sufficient, and add further signs if necessary.
- The Surrey Heath Partnership will look to include future consultation with the Surrey Heath Youth Council and will add this to the annual plan 2021/22.
- Would like to have designated areas where dogs can be safely leashed so that dogs can be walked with children and families. We will look to review this in the longer term, as sadly not all dogs are well behaved or controlled and there is a safety and public health concern relating to allowing dogs in to fenced play areas.
- Introduce a greater presence of Council enforcement officers in the greenspaces to deliver on the spot fines for those who allow their dogs to foul without picking up afterwards.

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- The SANGS area would already be covered by the PSPO, although these orders do not specifically cover litter, this is dealt with by specific legislation relating to littering.
- Illegal motor bike riding in woodland and on pathways should be reported to Surrey Police as already mentioned, and could be covered by the PSPO, but would be led by Surrey Police who may chose different legislation to prosecute.
- Nitrous Oxide evidence at Camberley railway station and Accent Housing Car Park, the partnership group ascertain the legal position with this request and if possible will look to extend the area, and it will require the permission of the landowners.