

## Appendix 2



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Dear Occupier/Resident

### **Consultation - Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) at [Insert location]**

The Community, including the shops and bus companies have raised concerns to the police and Council regarding the on-going Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) at the above location. We have received calls from the community stating that individuals are throwing missiles at buses and harassing members of the public, additionally members of the public are telling us that they do not feel safe using the facilities in the evening.

To tackle the problems and persons responsible for the ASB, Halton Borough Council in partnership with Cheshire Constabulary is considering making a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) over the area highlighted on the enclosed map.

PSPOs are designed to stop individuals or groups of individuals committing Anti-social Behaviour in a public space.

On behalf of Halton Borough Council and Cheshire Police, I have enclosed details of the proposed Public Space Protection Order as well as notice of the consultation that is currently taking place. The council would value your comments on the proposed PSPO and invites you to contribute to the consultation process by using the enclosed form.

The council would be grateful if you could return your comments by [insert date], after which time the council will consider all comments received and determine whether to formally make the Public Space Protection Order.

In addition to the above application the police, the council and housing providers have been sharing information regarding the perpetrators and many of the persons and parents have already been advised.

The PSPO is part of a package of measures aimed at tackling the problem. Other interventions include:-

1. Installation of ASB CCTV camera.
2. Collection of CCTV and statements from all private and public systems.
3. The use of police dispersal powers.
4. Individuals placed on Acceptable Behaviour Contracts – Breaches will involve ASBO`s.
5. School talks by police school liaison officers.
6. Meetings with shops and housing providers.
7. Investment in the area – regeneration / new houses / lighting and parking.
8. Possible tenancy action.

I trust the above demonstrates our commitments to making Halton a safe place to live, work and enjoy.

Please see attached a copy of the consultation notice, which contains detailed information regarding the prohibitions of the PSPO.

Yours sincerely,

**Mark Antrobus**  
**Community Safety Supervisor.**

..... of  
(Name)

Address .....

\*AGREE/DISAGREE with the proposal to introduce a PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER in this area.

*\*Please delete as appropriate*

Signed .....

If you disagree with the proposal would you please explain your reasons in the space below.

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**[Insert Map below shoing thre area covered by the PSPO]**

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**Public Spaces Protection Order  
Consultation Notice**

<p><b>Highlighted Issue/s</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area deteriorating with a rise in graffiti, litter and dog fouling on surfaces, structures and street furniture.</li> <li>• Not used much during the dark nights.</li> <li>• Large groups of youths causing ASB, Criminal Damage, Defacement and vehicle interference.</li> <li>• Shoplifting</li> <li>• Bus safety</li> <li>• Fear of crime</li> <li>• Untidy land and property</li> </ul>
<p><b>Area Affected (specific)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Full details of the area covered to be inserted</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Background to the issue</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During October and November large groups of youths causing ASB.</li> <li>• Lack of capable guardians and members of the public in the area in the evening (self-policing and reporting of offenders).</li> <li>• Protection of inward investment by housing association and local shop.</li> <li>• Increased shoplifting (previously had store detectives and door staff and they have closed shop due to behaviour)</li> <li>• Over 90 ASB dispersals issued (part 3 sec 35 ASB, crime and policing act 2014 dispersal order) and CCTV deployment camera installed.</li> <li>• Litter, dog fouling and graffiti problems on public spaces, parks and private property</li> </ul>
<p><b>This issue is considered to be:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having a detrimental effect on the quality of life in the area</li> <li>• Persistent and Ongoing</li> <li>• Unreasonable</li> <li>• Raising fear of crime</li> <li>• Making the area less welcoming</li> </ul>	

**The following conditions are proposed to tackle the issue through a Public Spaces Protection Order:**

Enforcement will be carried out by Council Enforcement Staff, PCSO`s, Police Officers.

The below prohibitions and behaviours will be challenged.

Failing to comply with the challenge, for example, an individual asked to hand over a substance (alcohol or legal high), put a dog on the leash, pick up litter, leave the designated area etc, will result in the person committing an offence.

Possible sanctions include:-

- A Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) – ranging from £75 to £100.
- Written Warning, Acceptable Behaviour Contract or Tenancy Agreement.
- Where FPN is not paid, court proceedings will be initiated (prosecution for the offence of failing to comply with the PSPO).

PROHIBITIONS	REQUIREMENTS	WHEN
In any public place, wearing, or have worn for the purpose of concealing identity, a piece of clothing or item. Exceptions may be made in respect of helmets for safety purposes.	To cover the area known locally as <b>[insert location name]</b> , in particular any open land or premises within the area specified during the consultation as identified on the location map.	To commence with the issue of the PSPO for <b>[insert location name]</b> for a period of 12 months and up to 3 years, with a periodic review
Any activity which may cause damage, defacement or cause harm.	As a condition of the prohibition	For the duration of the Order.

Consuming, being under the influence of or in possession of any substance or associated paraphernalia in a public place i.e alcohol, legal highs, nitrus oxide canisters etc.	As a condition of the prohibition	For the duration of the Order.
Congregating or loitering in a public place that is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress.	As a condition of the prohibition	For the duration of the Order.
Having any rock, stone or any similar object that could cause damage or harm.	As a condition of the prohibition	For the duration of the Order.
All persons to keep dogs on leads.	As a condition of the prohibition	For the duration of the Order.
Failing to remove dog faeces.	As a condition of the prohibition	For the duration of the Order.
A person is guilty of an offence if he/she throws down, drops or otherwise deposits any litter.	As a condition of the prohibition	For the duration of the Order.
Any motor vehicle that are being used to cause alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public. Any motorcycle or mini moto ridden on this	As a condition of the prohibition	For the duration of the Order.

land commits an offence of “riding on land other than a road”.		
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