



Proposal to introduce a Public Space Protection Order for Hemel Hempstead Town Centre

We're currently consulting on a proposed Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for an area of Hemel Hempstead Town Centre (see map) incorporating the town centre, old town and the Water Gardens area.

We are working with our partners to continue to develop safe and healthy communities, communities where everyone feels secure, free from the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. To help us do this please complete our survey.

Please read our Frequently Asked Questions as it will help explain what a PSPO is and how it can help address anti-social behaviour in our Public Spaces.

The survey, FAQs and map can also be found on our consultation web page.

All responses are anonymous.

The closing date for all responses is 5pm, Friday 13 October 2017.

Proposal 1 (please note this would not apply to licensed premises)

No person shall refuse to stop drinking alcohol or hand over any containers (sealed or unsealed) which are believed to contain alcohol, when required to do so by an authorised officer

Q1 Do you consider alcohol consumption in public areas to be a problem within the area defined by the map?

488 (56.1%) Yes

210 (24.1%) No

172 (19.8%) Don't know

Proposal 1 (please note this would not apply to licensed premises)

No person shall refuse to stop drinking alcohol or hand over any containers (sealed or unsealed) which are believed to contain alcohol, when required to do so by an authorised officer

Q2 Has this type of behaviour had an impact on your enjoyment of the public areas defined by the map?

343 (39.5%) Yes

438 (50.5%) No (takes you to Q4)

87 (10.0%) Don't know (takes you to Q4)

Proposal 1 (please note this would not apply to licensed premises)

No person shall refuse to stop drinking alcohol or hand over any containers (sealed or unsealed) which are believed to contain alcohol, when required to do so by an authorised officer

Q3 Please provide details of these behaviours and the impact and effect these behaviours have had on you?

303 (100.0%)

Proposal 1 (please note this would not apply to licensed premises)

No person shall refuse to stop drinking alcohol or hand over any containers (sealed or unsealed) which are believed to contain alcohol, when required to do so by an authorised officer

Q4 Do you consider this specific proposal should be included within the PSPO?

622 (71.7%) Yes

168 (19.4%) No

78 (9.0%) Don't know

Proposal 1 (please note this would not apply to licensed premises)

No person shall refuse to stop drinking alcohol or hand over any containers (sealed or unsealed) which are believed to contain alcohol, when required to do so by an authorised officer

Q5 Please provide any additional comments you may wish to make on this specific proposal
264 (100.0%)

Proposal 2: No person shall spit (including discharge of chewing gum), urinate or defecate in a public place

Q6 Do you consider this to be a problem within the public areas defined by the map?

599 (68.9%) Yes

125 (14.4%) No

145 (16.7%) Don't know

Proposal 2: *No person shall spit (including discharge of chewing gum), urinate or defecate in a public place*

Q7 Has this type of behaviour have an impact on your enjoyment of the public areas as defined by the map?

464 (53.5%) Yes

305 (35.1%) No (takes you to Q9)

99 (11.4%) Don't know (takes you to Q9)

Proposal 2: *No person shall spit (including discharge of chewing gum), urinate or defecate in a public place*

Q8 Please provide details of these behaviours and the impact and effect these behaviours have had on you?

365 (100.0%)

Proposal 2: *No person shall spit (including discharge of chewing gum), urinate or defecate in a public place*

Q9 Do you consider that this specific proposal should be included within the PSPO?

723 (83.1%) Yes

91 (10.5%) No

56 (6.4%) Don't know

Proposal 2: *No person shall spit (including discharge of chewing gum), urinate or defecate in a public place*

Q10 Please provide any additional comments you may wish to make on this specific proposal.

218 (100.0%)

Proposal 3

No person shall sleep in any public place which is:

- open to the air***
- within a vehicle***
- within a car park***
- within a no-fixed structure including caravans and tents***

Without the prior permission of the owner or occupier of the land

Q11 Do you consider that rough sleeping in public areas to be a problem within the defined areas?

504 (57.9%) Yes

205 (23.5%) No

162 (18.6%) Don't know

Proposal 3 : No person shall sleep in any public place which is: - open to the air - within a vehicle - within a car park - within a no-fixed structure including caravans and tents.

Without the prior permission of the owner or occupier of the land

Q12 Has rough sleeping had an impact on your enjoyment of the public areas defined by the map?

385 (44.3%) Yes

421 (48.4%) No (takes you to Q14)

63 (7.2%) Don't know (takes you to Q14)

Proposal 3 : No person shall sleep in any public place which is: - open to the air - within a vehicle - within a car park - within a no-fixed structure including caravans and tents.

Without the prior permission of the owner or occupier of the land

Q13 Please provide details of these behaviours and the impact and effect these behaviours have had on you?

315 (100.0%)

Proposal 3 : No person shall sleep in any public place which is: - open to the air - within a vehicle - within a car park - within a no-fixed structure including caravans and tents.

Without the prior permission of the owner or occupier of the land

Q14 Do you consider this specific proposal should be included within the PSPO?

523 (60.1%) Yes

246 (28.3%) No

101 (11.6%) Don't know

Proposal 3 : No person shall sleep in any public place which is: - open to the air - within a vehicle - within a car park - within a no-fixed structure including caravans and tents.

Without the prior permission of the owner or occupier of the land

Q15 Please provide any additional comments you may wish to make on this specific proposal

336 (100.0%)

Proposal 4

No person shall sit on the ground in a public place, street, highway or passage in a manner to be perceived that they are inviting people to give them money.

Q16 Do you consider begging in public areas to be a problem within the defined areas?

522 (60.0%) Yes

235 (27.0%) No

113 (13.0%) Don't know

Proposal 4: No person shall sit on the ground in a public place, street, highway or passage in a manner to be perceived that they are inviting people to give them money.

Q17 Has begging had an impact on your enjoyment of the public area defined by the map?

398 (45.9%) Yes

400 (46.1%) No (takes you to Q19)

70 (8.1%) Don't know (takes you to Q19)

Proposal 4: *No person shall sit on the ground in a public place, street, highway or passage in a manner to be perceived that they are inviting people to give them money.*

Q18 Please provide details of these behaviours and the impact and effect these behaviours have had on you?

300 (100.0%)

Proposal 4: *No person shall sit on the ground in a public place, street, highway or passage in a manner to be perceived that they are inviting people to give them money.*

Q19 Do you consider this specific proposal should be included within the PSPO?

579 (67.4%) Yes

189 (22.0%) No

91 (10.6%) Don't know

Proposal 4: *No person shall sit on the ground in a public place, street, highway or passage in a manner to be perceived that they are inviting people to give them money.*

Q20 Please provide any additional comments you may wish to make on this specific proposal

232 (100.0%)

Proposal 5

No person shall cycle or skateboard

Q21 Do you consider cycling or skateboarding in public areas to be a problem within the defined areas?

530 (61.1%) Yes

267 (30.8%) No

70 (8.1%) Don't know

Proposal 5: *No person shall cycle or skateboard*

Q22 Has cycling or skateboarding had an impact on your enjoyment of the public area defined by the map?

494 (56.7%) Yes

332 (38.1%) No (takes you to Q24)

45 (5.2%) Don't know (takes you to Q24)

Proposal 5: *No person shall cycle or skateboard*

Q23 Please provide details of these behaviours and the impact and effect these behaviours have had on you?

429 (100.0%)

Proposal 5: *No person shall cycle or skateboard*

Q24 Do you consider this specific proposal should be included within the PSPO?

537 (61.9%) Yes

262 (30.2%) No

68 (7.8%) Don't know

Proposal 5: *No person shall cycle or skateboard*

Q25 Please provide any additional comments you may wish to make on this specific proposal

304 (100.0%)

Proposal 6

No person shall feed birds/wildfowl within the Water Gardens area

Q26 Do you consider feeding birds or wildfowl within the Water Gardens area to be a problem within the defined areas?

245 (28.2%) Yes

447 (51.4%) No

177 (20.4%) Don't know

Proposal 6: *No person shall feed birds/wildfowl within the Water Gardens area*

Q27 Has the feeding of birds or wildfowl had an impact on your enjoyment of the public areas defined by the map?

176 (20.3%) Yes

605 (69.6%) No (takes you to Q29)

88 (10.1%) Don't know (takes you to Q29)

Proposal 6: *No person shall feed birds/wildfowl within the Water Gardens area*

Q28 Please provide details of these behaviours and the impact and effect these behaviours have had on you?

141 (100.0%)

Proposal 6: *No person shall feed birds/wildfowl within the Water Garden area*

Q29 Do you consider this specific proposal should be included within the PSPO?

248 (28.7%) Yes

442 (51.2%) No

174 (20.1%) Don't know

Proposal 6: *No person shall feed birds/wildfowl within the Water Gardens area*

Q30 Please provide any additional comments you may wish to make on this specific proposal

307 (100.0%)

Are we missing anything?

Q31 Are there any other behaviours you would like to see included in a PSPO that you feel are detrimental to the quality of life in Hemel Hempstead Town Centre?

253 (29.6%) Yes

470 (54.9%) No (takes you to Q33)

133 (15.5%) Don't know (takes you to Q33)

Q32 You ticked 'yes' to Q31, please tell us what else you would like to see included in a PSPO that you feel is detrimental to the quality of life in Hemel Hempstead Town Centre

249 (100.0%)

Your relationship to Hemel Hempstead Town Centre

Q33 Are you completing this survey as...? (Please select one option only. If more than one option applies please select the one that you feel is most appropriate)

- 114 (13.1%) Local resident who lives in the shaded area shown on the map
- 541 (62.3%) Local resident who lives outside the shaded area shown on the map
- 51 (5.9%) Person who works in the shaded area shown on the map
- 8 (0.9%) Local business owner/manager
- 2 (0.2%) Land owner within the proposed restricted area
- 0 (0.0%) Street entertainer in the shaded area shown on the map
- 103 (11.9%) Visitor to the shaded area shown on the map (e.g. tourist, business, shopper)
- 2 (0.2%) Local Councillor (Town, County, Parish)
- 5 (0.6%) Representative of a local community or voluntary group
- 22 (2.5%) Employed by the Council, Police or any other agency with an interest
- 21 (2.4%) Other (please state below)
- 29 (100.0%)

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Your feedback will be considered as part of the Council's review of its controls on anti-social behaviour and will be presented to Cabinet later this year. Whereby a decision will be made as to whether or not to implement the PSPO will be made.

Paper copies of this survey are available from the reception desk at The Forum, Hemel Hempstead.

If you have any queries regarding this consultation please email asb@dacorum.gov.uk.

Don't forget to press the Submit button!