

Dacorum BC Community Impact Assessment (CIA) Template

Policy / service / decision

Alcohol related Public Space Protection Orders

Description of what is being impact assessed

What are the aims of the service, proposal, project? What outcomes do you want to achieve? What are the reasons for the proposal or change? Do you need to reference/consider any related projects?

Stakeholders; Who will be affected? Which protected characteristics is it most relevant to? Consider the public, service users, partners, staff, Members, etc

It is advisable to involve at least one colleague in the preparation of the assessment, dependent on likely level of impact

The proposal to extend Public Space Protection Orders is to enable continuation of the provision of additional powers to the police. Council and contracted authorised officers to tackle antisocial behaviour connected to the consumption of alcohol, therefore protecting the public who use or live near to the affected areas.

Continuing to have these orders in place will give these bodies the power to confiscate alcohol where there is antisocial behaviour either taking place, or likely to take place as a result of the consumption of alcohol, and to issue fines should individuals fail to comply with such requests.

These orders will affect any member of the public living or using the areas affected as it will allow them to do so with less fear of antisocial behaviour. The Police, Council and contracted authorised officers will be affected as there will be greater expectation that incidents related to the PSPOs will be dealt with effectively.

Evidence

What data/information have you used to assess how this policy/service/decision might impact on protected groups?

(include relevant national/local data, research, monitoring information, service user feedback, complaints, audits, consultations, CIAs from other projects or other local authorities, etc.). You should include such information in a proportionate manner to reflect the level of impact of the policy/service/decision.

The PSPOs have been in place for some time (since 2006/7), previously as Designated Public Place Orders (DPPOs) and there have been no evidenced negative implications for any protected groups.

Who have you consulted with to assess possible impact on protected groups? *If you have not consulted other people, please explain why? You should include such information in a proportionate manner to reflect the level of impact of the policy/service/decision.*

The Police have been consulted directly in regards to the implementation of the PSPOs in general, and have not raised any concerns.

A 6 week public consultation was also carried out between 4th January 2024 and 7th February 2024, and no responses were received. Alcohol related PSPOs have been in place since 2017 with Designated Public Places Orders exercising similar powers being in place since 2006/7. There are no recorded complaints about the existence of these orders and the powers that they provide to services to tackle potential anti-social behaviour.

Analysis of impact on protected groups (and others)

The Public Sector Equality Duty requires Dacorum BC to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations with protected groups. Consider how this policy/service/decision will achieve these aims. Using the table below, detail what considerations and potential impacts against each of these using the evidence that you have collated and your own understanding. Based on this information, make an assessment of the likely outcome, **before** you have implemented any mitigation.

- *The PCs of Marriage and Civil Partnership and Pregnancy and Maternity should be added if their inclusion is relevant for impact assessment.*
- *Use “insert below” menu layout option to insert extra rows where relevant (e.g. extra rows for different impairments within Disability).*

Summary of impact		Negative impact / outcome	Neutral impact / outcome	Positive impact / outcome
Protected group	<i>What do you know? What do people tell you? Summary of data and feedback about service users and the wider community/ public. Who uses / will use the service? Who doesn't / can't and why? Feedback/complaints?</i>			
Age	Any age of person could be a victim or perpetrator of anti-social behaviour, but often the data is not sufficient to say whether alcohol is involved or not.	☐	☐	☒

	<p>These orders can prevent alcohol leading to nuisance behaviour in the relevant locations. Such behaviour could be aimed at people as a result of any visible/perceived protected characteristic. Groups of any age may risk of abuse from drunk groups of people from a different age group with inappropriate/offensive comments as a result of lower inhibitions caused by alcohol consumption.</p>			
<p>Disability (physical, intellectual, mental)</p> <p><i>Refer to CIA Guidance Notes and Mental Illness & Learning Disability Guide</i></p>	<p>Public Space Protection orders can prevent alcohol leading to nuisance behaviour in the relevant locations. Such behaviour could be aimed at people as a result of any visible/perceived protected characteristic</p> <p>People with disabilities may be at a greater risk of abuse from drunk groups with inappropriate/offensive comments as a result of lower inhibitions caused by alcohol consumption.</p>	□	□	☒
<p>Gender reassignment</p>	<p>Public Space Protection orders can prevent alcohol leading to nuisance behaviour in the relevant locations. Such behaviour could be aimed at people as a result of any visible/perceived protected characteristic</p> <p>People perceived to be part the LGBTQ community may be at a greater risk of abuse from drunk groups with inappropriate/offensive comments as a result of lower inhibitions caused by alcohol consumption.</p>	□	□	☒
<p>Race and ethnicity</p>	<p>Public Space Protection orders can prevent alcohol leading to nuisance behaviour in the relevant locations. Such behaviour could be aimed at people as a result of any visible/perceived protected characteristic</p> <p>Groups of any race or ethnicity may risk of abuse from drunk groups of people from a different races or ethnicities with</p>	□	□	☒

	inappropriate/offensive comments as a result of lower inhibitions caused by alcohol consumption.			
Religion or belief	<p>Public Space Protection orders can prevent alcohol leading to nuisance behaviour in the relevant locations. Such behaviour could be aimed at people as a result of any visible/perceived protected characteristic</p> <p>Some religions and beliefs may be more visible than others as a result of religious clothing, or closely connected cultural appearances and could be subjected to abuse from drunk groups with inappropriate/offensive comments as a result of lower inhibitions caused by alcohol consumption.</p>	☐	☐	☒
Sex	<p>Public Space Protection orders can prevent alcohol leading to nuisance behaviour in the relevant locations. Such behaviour could be aimed at people as a result of any visible/perceived protected characteristic</p> <p>Women may be at a greater risk of abuse from drunk groups with inappropriate/offensive comments as a result of lower inhibitions caused by alcohol consumption.</p>	☐	☐	☒
Sexual orientation	<p>Public Space Protection orders can prevent alcohol leading to nuisance behaviour in the relevant locations. Such behaviour could be aimed at people as a result of any visible/perceived protected characteristic</p> <p>People perceived to be part of the LGBTQ community may be at a greater risk of abuse from drunk groups with inappropriate/offensive comments as a result of lower inhibitions caused by alcohol consumption.</p>	☐	☐	☒

<p>Not protected characteristics but consider other factors, e.g. carers, care leavers, veterans, homeless, low income, loneliness, rurality etc.</p>	<p>Homeless people may wish to drink alcohol in public places, and could have this confiscated using the orders if its consumption is considered to be antisocial. However, homeless individuals in public places consuming alcohol can lead to connected nuisance such as litter, public urination and unpleasant odours, and so these orders could have a positive impact on reducing these issues.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Negative impacts / outcomes action plan

Where you have ascertained that there will potentially be negative impacts / outcomes, you are required to mitigate the impact of these. Please detail below the actions that you intend to take.

<p>Action taken/to be taken <i>(copy & paste the negative impact / outcome then detail action)</i></p>	<p>Date</p>	<p>Person responsible</p>	<p>Action complete</p>
<p>Homeless people may wish to drink alcohol in public places, and could have this confiscated using the orders if its consumption is considered to be antisocial.</p> <p>However, homeless individuals in public places consuming alcohol can lead to connected nuisance such as litter, public urination and unpleasant odours, and so these orders could have a positive impact on reducing these issues.</p> <p>The departments of the Council who may play a role in enforcing the PSPOs form part of Dacorum's Community Safety Partnership and will be</p>	<p>April 2027</p>	<p>Licensing Manager through engagement with various partners involved in providing support for the homeless via</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></p>

able to liaise with outreach services and other partners through the Joint Action Group		The Community Safety Partnership	
If negative impacts / outcomes remain, please provide an explanation below.			
Completed by (all involved in CIA)	Sally McDonald		
Date	07/03/24		
Signed off by (AD)	M Brookes		
Date	07/03/24		
Entered onto CIA database - date			
To be reviewed by (officer name)			
Review date			

