

9th August 2023

Dear Councillor / Parish Council,

RE: Public Spaces Protection Order Consultation

Swale Borough Council has begun the process of reviewing the current local Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO's) for Swale in line with changes within the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 'the Act').

We have gathered evidence regarding our three towns current PSPO's which seek to control alcohol consumption within the town centres. It is intended that:

Alcohol Control PSPO's for Sittingbourne, Faversham, Sheerness and Leysdown will and remain in its current form be extended for a further 3 years.

The alcohol Order will result in persons who without reasonable excuse when asked to desist or comply with the terms of the PSPO by a Police Constable, Police

Community Support Officer (authorised by chief officer of Police) or authorised person by the Council under section 63 commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale or if in receipt of a Fixed Penalty Notice to a penalty of a maximum of £100.00.

The second set or PSPO's we have reviewed are in relation to Dog Control measures within the whole of the Swale area. We wish these controls to continue. The Dog Control PSPO will cover:

- Not cleaning up after a dog
- Not keeping a dog on a lead in specific areas e.g. cemeteries, and beach promenades at certain times of the year
- Not keeping a dog out of specific areas e.g. fenced children's play areas or beaches where dogs are excluded during certain times of the year
- Not putting / keeping a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer

In respect of the other Orders (dog control and alleyway) persons who without reasonable excuse breach the terms of the PSPO's under section 67 of the Act commits an and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale or if in receipt of a Fixed Penalty Notice to a penalty of a maximum of £100.00.

The third order is in relation to a PSPO which restricts access to an alleyway in the Sheerness area which was gated in 2017 under the PSPO provision. We wish to

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continue this Order for the gates to remain in place as they have had a significant impact on the ASB that was experienced.

A Police Constable, Police Community Support Officer (authorised by chief officer of Police) or an authorised officer can issue a FPN.

The Council is required to consult with Town and Parish Councils, the public, communities, businesses and licensed premises that are encompassed by the roads, streets, highways and public places within the Designated Area. Please could I ask that you complete the online survey for your relevant area and Swale Wide orders full details can be found by copying and pasting the relevant links into your browser:

- Consultation page:
- www.swale.gov.uk/pspo-alcohol-sheerness
- www.swale.gov.uk/pspo-alcohol-leysdown
- www.swale.gov.uk/pspo-alcohol-faversham
- www.swale.gov.uk/pspo-alleygates-sheerness
- www.swale.gov.uk/pspo-dog-control-sheppey
- swale.gov.uk/alcohol-pspo-sittingbourne

If you require any additional information, please contact Tina Grafton no later than Monday 4th September 2023.

Yours Sincerely,

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