

Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Public Consultation

A Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) is made by a Local Authority if satisfied on reasonable grounds that two conditions are met. Firstly, that:

- (i) activities carried on in a public place within the authority's area have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality; and
- (ii) it is likely that activities will be carried on in a public place within that area and that they will have such an effect.

The second condition is that the effect, or likely effect, of the activities is, or is likely to be of a persistent or continuing nature, such as to make the activities unreasonable, and therefore justifies the restrictions imposed by the notice.

A PSPO is an order that identifies the public place and prohibits specified things being done in the restricted area and/or requires specified things to be done by persons carrying on specified activities in that area. The order may not have effect for more than 3 years and the Local Authority must consult with the chief officer of the police and the local policing body before issuing the order. Failure to comply with a public spaces protection order is an offence.

Please complete this survey to provide your thoughts on our PSPO renewal. There are three sections to complete and the survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. If you have any questions, please contact consultations@epsom-ewell.gov.uk.

Demographic Information

1. What is your gender?

Male

Female

Non-binary

Prefer not to say

2. How old are you?

Under 16

16-17

18-24

25-34

35-44

45-54

55-64

65-74

75-84

85+

Prefer not to say

3. What is your ethnic group?

White: Welsh/English/Scottish/Northern Irish/British

White: Irish

White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller

Mixed/multiple ethnic groups: White and Black Caribbean

Mixed/multiple ethnic groups: White and Black African

White and Asian

Any other mixed/Multiple ethnic background. Please describe below.

Asian/Asian British

Asian/Asian British: Indian

Asian/Asian British: Pakistani

Asian/Asian British: Bangladeshi

Asian/Asian British: Chinese

Any other Asian background. Please describe below.

Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: African

Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Caribbean

Any other Black/African/Caribbean background.

4. Are your day to day activities limited because of a long term health problem or disability?

Yes, limited a lot

Yes, limited a little

No

Prefer not to say

5. Are you completing this survey as..

An individual

On behalf of a business

On behalf of a voluntary or community organisation

Other

6. Please tell us the name of your business, organisation or community group if applicable (please leave blank if you prefer not to say)

7. Please select all that apply that are applicable to you..

I am a resident in the Borough

I work in the Borough

I am a Local Councillor

I am completing this as a representative of a business or community group in the Borough

Other

EEBC Current PSPO

We have a current PSPO in specific highlighted areas within the Borough relating to alcohol consumption. Details and mapping can be found at this link: www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/residents/communities-health-and-wellbeing/epsom-and-ewell-community-safety where a document at the bottom of the webpage titled 'Alcohol Public Spaces Protection Order No.1 of 2021 can be viewed.

8. How often do you use the highlighted areas in Epsom and Ewell?

Daily

At least once a week

At least monthly

Less frequently/never

9 .Are you aware of the current alcohol PSPO in place in Epsom and Ewell?

Yes

No

10. Have you seen any of the alcohol PSPO signs in Epsom and Ewell?

Yes

No

11. Tell us what you think about the alcohol PSPO in Epsom and Ewell (select all that apply)

I think it's a good thing, it makes me feel safer

It targets some people unfairly

It makes me feel unwelcome

It helps reduce anti-social behaviour

It is ineffective

It has moved the problem elsewhere

Other

12. From your experience, what impact, if any, do you think the alcohol PSPO has had on community safety in Epsom and Ewell in the last 3 years?

It has improved

It has deteriorated

It has stayed the same

I don't know

13. Has the alcohol PSPO stopped your enjoyment of the Borough in the last 3 years?

Yes, it has stopped me visiting as much as I would like

Yes, it has stopped me doing what I want in the town (e.g. meeting friends)

No, it has not negatively affected me using the town

14. Please share any comments that you have on your experience of the alcohol PSPO?

15. Have you been directly affected by alcohol related anti-social behaviour in Epsom and Ewell in the last year?

Yes, I have been a victim of anti-social behaviour

Yes, I have witnessed anti-social behaviour

Yes, I have been a victim and witnessed anti-social behaviour

No

16 .If you have been affected by alcohol related anti-social behaviour, please explain how

Behaviours

The current PSPO focuses only on alcohol consumption, however there is opportunity to include further anti-social behaviours into the renewed PSPO to improve community safety.

17. Here is a list of behaviours which can be considered to add to the order. For each one, please tell us whether you feel it should or should not be included. Remember: by including a behaviour in the PSPO, local councils and the police have additional powers to regulate that activity. Not including a behaviour from the order does not necessarily mean it is permitted (for example, it may still be regulated by other legislation)

	Include in PSPO	Don't include in PSPO	Not sure
Harassing or intimidating residents, businesses or members of the public	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Threatening any person with violence and / or being verbally abusive towards any person	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Urinating in an open public place	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Littering or spitting with the intent to cause harassment, alarm or distress to any person	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wearing a piece of clothing with the intent to obscure or hide his/her identity for the purposes of committing crime and/or anti-social behaviour	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Acting, or inciting others to act, in an anti-social manner, that is to say a manner that is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to any person	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Joining or remaining in a group of 2 or more people which is acting in a manner that is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to any person	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Consumption of alcohol from an open vessel following a verbal warning by an authorised person to stop	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

18. Have you been directly affected by any of the above anti-social behaviour in Epsom and Ewell in the last year?

Yes, I have been a victim of anti-social behaviour

Yes, I have witnessed anti-social behaviour

Yes, I have been a victim and witnessed anti-social behaviour

No

19. Would you like to make any further comments?

PSPO Extension

20. Do you support the extension of the Public Spaces Protection Order in Epsom and Ewell for a further 3 years to help control anti-social behaviour that may have detrimental affect on the local community?

Yes

No

21. Please share any thoughts and comments on the PSPO renewal.

22. Would you support this PSPO is considered to cover the entire Borough of Epsom and Ewell to help control anti-social behaviour that may have detrimental effect on the local community?

Yes

No

23. Thank you for participating in this survey. Please share any other thoughts or comments on the PSPO becoming Borough wide

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**The area that the PSPO is proposed
to cover:**



Have your say:

**Epsom and Ewell Public Space Protection
Order**



**Let us know your views on the plans to
renew the order**

What is a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)?

PSPOs aim to discourage anti-social behaviour in public areas and give police officers and the council powers to intervene early, preventing anti-social behaviour escalating into a crime. Epsom and Ewell put a PSPO in place in Epsom town centre in 2018 because of local concerns about anti-social behaviour in the town centre. The order was renewed in 2021 following a public consultation which identified a strong support for its continuation. The PSPO is now up for review.

What area does the PSPO cover?

Epsom and Ewell's PSPO currently only covers certain areas within the Borough, however this review looks to amend the Order and cover the Borough in its entirety. This is all with the sole purpose of reducing anti-social behaviour issues in the Borough.

What behaviours does the PSPO cover?

The PSPO sets out a range of controlled behaviours and means that a person will commit an offence if they fail to comply with a request by an authorised officer to cease any of those behaviours within the specified area - it could result in either a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued, or prosecution.

The controlled behaviours listed in the order are intended to cover a range of anti-social behaviour, and include: threatening violence; being verbally abusive; urinating in an open public place; littering or spitting with the intent to cause harassment, alarm or distress.

Have your say: fill in the survey

We want to hear your views about the existing order and plans for its renewal.

Please complete the online survey, which closes on the XXXXX 2024.

Use the QR code below or visit: <https://forms.office.com/e/G093q4zvuU>



Alternatively, if you have a specific comment or query you would like to raise please e-mail: csp@epsom-ewell.gov.uk.

Find out more

You can find out more about our PSPO's on our website: <https://www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/residents/communities-health-and-wellbeing/epsom-and-ewell-community-safety>