

New Public Space Protection Order 2023 proposed

Ashfield District Council is proposing a new Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) in order to assist the Council and Partner Agencies tackle anti-social behaviour and environmental crime across the district.

This is a new PSPO that is intending to restrict public access by erecting barriers/gates across 8 different locations across the district.

The proposed order is in additional to the current PSPO 2021 which can be found here (add link)

Are the Orders a law?

Yes. The council is given the power under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, a full breakdown of provisions has been included in the draft order.

What action can be taken?

The proposed Order is designed to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour by restricting public access in the below locations:

1. Between Spruce Grove and Beacon Drive, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire
2. Between Bentinck Street and Bramley Court, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire
3. Between Downing Street and North Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire
4. Rear of 34-37 Rockwood Walk, Hucknall, Nottinghamshire
5. Adjacent 40 Rosewood Drive, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire
6. Between Spruce Grove and Poplar Avenue, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire
7. Between Welbeck Street and Portland Close, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire
8. Between Bramley Court and Sutton Lawn, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire.

(refer to the maps on the order – (insert link)

Who will enforce it?

Authorised officers such as the Council's Community Protection Officer's (CPO), Community Safety Team, a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) or any Officer authorised by the Council will enforce the Order.

What are the penalties?

Ashfield District Council intends to issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) to enforce the proposed Orders, the fine amount will be £100 and failure to pay may lead to summary conviction and a fine not exceeding £1000 (not exceeding £500 for alcohol related offences)

How will I know if an area is subject to the Order?

There are detailed maps and conditions are available on the Council web site.

www.ashfield.gov.uk

Will it work?

Yes! The existing Orders are working well and assisted the Council to effectively respond to issues across the district.

The previous and current orders have supported the Council to tackle and manage anti-social behaviour and environmental matters across the district such as car cruising, alcohol and dog control related issues and ensures the Council and Police have available options to deal with these matters.

Is there any reason not to make the PSPO?

That is the question the consultation is asking. If people have comments, they can make them during this period. Once the consultation period ends, any comments made cannot be taken into account.

When will it come into force?

The consultation ends on the 5th January 2023; the report and the existing Orders will go before a meeting of the Full Council on 27th January 2023 and the Order could then come into force on 1st February 2023 subject to approval.

Where can I view the details of the proposed Order?

Copies of the proposed order and plan are available for inspection free of charge throughout the consultation period during normal opening hours at the following location:

- Kirkby-in-Ashfield Council Offices, Urban Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottingham, NG17 8DA,

This information can also be viewed on the Council website by going to

www.ashfield.gov.uk

Representations on the proposed Public Space Protection Order should be made to Ashfield District Council by **12 midnight on 5th January 2023** either by writing to:

Community Safety (PSPO)

Ashfield District Council,

Council Offices

Urban Road

Kirkby in Ashfield,

Nottinghamshire, East Midlands

NG17 8DA

or by e-mail addressed to PSPO@ashfield.gov.uk.

Representations received after this date cannot be accepted.