

PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a Public Space Protection Order?

A Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) is a power under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. A PSPO allows a council to deal with a particular nuisance or problem behaviour that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life in a particular area. It allows a council to impose either restrictions or requirements in that area that will apply to everyone. They are designed to ensure the law abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces safe from anti-social behaviour.

Why do we need a PSPO?

The majority of residents, visitors and people who live and work here in North East Lincolnshire behave responsibly. There are, however, some people who do not and this can impact on the local community. The council and its partners have already tried a number of interventions to reduce anti-social behaviour. These have included enforcement and engagement with those identified as acting this way. However this has not completely reduced the problem sufficiently. The council believes that the new PSPO powers will give the Police and the council additional powers to tackle the individuals responsible.

What PSPOs do we currently have in North East Lincolnshire?

Grimsby Town Centre

1. Any activity or behaviour causing or likely to cause nuisance, alarm, harassment or distress to any other person or causing or likely to cause any other person to be intimidated.
2. Riding a pedal cycle in such a manner causing or likely to cause nuisance, alarm, harassment or distress to any other person or causing or likely to cause any other person to be intimidated within the area as is shown shaded in blue on the map forming part of this Order.
3. Riding a skateboard, scooter, rollerblades or similar wheeled devices in such a manner as to use any street fixture or street furniture.
4. Any activity or behaviour that threatens the safety of that person or any other person.
5. Using foul or abusive language directed at or towards any other person.
6. Playing music or creating noise (as to cause a nuisance).
7. Climbing onto any structure or building other than for a lawful purpose.

Cleethorpes Town Centre and Seafront

1. Any activity or behaviour causing or likely to cause nuisance, alarm, harassment or distress to any other person or causing or likely to cause any other person to be intimidated.
2. Riding a skateboard, scooter, rollerblades or similar wheeled devices in such a manner as to use any street fixture or street furniture.
3. Any activity or behaviour that threatens the safety of that person or any other person.
4. Using foul or abusive language directed at or towards any other person.
5. Playing music or creating noise (as to cause a nuisance).
6. Climbing onto any structure or building other than for a lawful purpose.
7. Driving in such a manner causing or likely to cause nuisance, alarm, harassment or distress to any other person or causing or likely to cause any other person to be intimidated.
8. Sounding horns (as to cause a nuisance).
9. Revving engines (as to cause a nuisance).
10. Playing music in a motor vehicle (as to cause a nuisance).
11. Participating in the above activities as a driver of the vehicle, as the registered keeper of the vehicle, as a passenger within the vehicle or by congregating to spectate the above activities.

Cleethorpes Seafront

1. Driving in such a manner causing or likely to cause nuisance, alarm, harassment or distress to any other person or causing or likely to cause any other person to be intimidated.
2. Sounding horns (as to cause a nuisance).
3. Revving engines (as to cause a nuisance).
4. Playing music in a motor vehicle (as to cause a nuisance).
5. Participating in the above activities as a driver of the vehicle, as the registered keeper of the vehicle, as a passenger within the vehicle or by congregating to spectate the above activities.

Sidney Sussex Recreational Ground

1. Any activity or behaviour causing or likely to cause nuisance, alarm, harassment or distress to any other person or causing or likely to cause any other person to be intimidated.
2. Riding a skateboard, scooter, rollerblades or similar wheeled devices in such a manner as to use any street fixture or street furniture.
3. Any activity or behaviour that threatens the safety of that person or any other person.
4. Using foul or abusive language directed at or towards any other person.
5. Playing music or creating noise (as to cause a nuisance).

6. Climbing onto any structure or building other than for a lawful purpose.

People's Park

1. Any activity or behaviour causing or likely to cause nuisance, alarm, harassment or distress to any other person or causing or likely to cause any other person to be intimidated.
2. Riding a skateboard, scooter, rollerblades or similar wheeled devices in such a manner as to use any street fixture or street furniture.
3. Any activity or behaviour that threatens the safety of that person or any other person.
4. Using foul or abusive language directed at or towards any other person.
5. Playing music or creating noise (as to cause a nuisance).
6. Climbing onto any structure or building other than for a lawful purpose.

Haverstoe Park

1. Any activity or behaviour causing or likely to cause nuisance, alarm, harassment or distress to any other person or causing or likely to cause any other person to be intimidated.
2. Riding a skateboard, scooter, rollerblades or similar wheeled devices in such a manner as to use any street fixture or street furniture.
3. Any activity or behaviour that threatens the safety of that person or any other person.
4. Using foul or abusive language directed at or towards any other person.
5. Playing music or creating noise (as to cause a nuisance).
6. Climbing onto any structure or building other than for a lawful purpose.

Cleethorpes Country Park

1. Any activity or behaviour causing or likely to cause nuisance, alarm, harassment or distress to any other person or causing or likely to cause any other person to be intimidated.
2. Driving in such a manner causing or likely to cause nuisance, alarm, harassment or distress to any other person or causing or likely to cause any other person to be intimidated.
3. Sounding horns (as to cause a nuisance).
4. Revving engines (as to cause a nuisance).
5. Playing music in a motor vehicle (as to cause a nuisance).

6. Participating in the above activities as a driver of the vehicle, as the registered keeper of the vehicle, as a passenger within the vehicle or by congregating to spectate the above activities.

How it is decided what to put into the PSPO?

A PSPO isn't to stop people enjoying themselves, its aim is to prevent anti-social behaviour and ensure that public spaces are enjoyed by all.

The latest 'Our Place, Our Future' public consultation identifies anti-social behaviour as the public's number one concern and having the largest negative impact on a community or neighbourhood if left unaddressed.

The consultation shows that 93% of respondents would like to see improvements to our public open space, 94% of respondents were concerned about crime and anti-social behaviour and 76% of respondents put anti-social behaviour as the top priority to be tackled. Research and demand-led intelligence highlights the need for a more effective way to deal with anti-social behaviour.

PSPOs are a tool for the council and Humberside Police to use in dealing more effectively with reoccurring unreasonable anti-social behaviour within identified public spaces. The anti-social activities are having a negative and detrimental effect and are affecting businesses, shoppers, residents and visitors / tourists to the area who are engaging in normal business or leisure activities..

What happens if someone breaches a PSPO?

If a Police Constable or authorised person witnesses you behaving or displaying any behaviour that is prohibited then they can ask you to leave that area and not return within a 24 hour period. The details of the incident will be recorded and sent to the appropriate department within the council. They will then look into the evidence provided and, if appropriate, a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) of £100 will be issued. Failure to make payment could result in a fine of up to £1,000 at the Magistrates Court.