

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL	DATE 17 September 2020	ITEM NO 9
TITLE Consultation - Public Spaces Protection Orders	WARD (S) All	
CHIEF OFFICER Director of Community Safety & Environment	CABINET MEMBER Children's Services & Community Safety	

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To advise scrutiny members of the intended introduction of new Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) to respond to chronic and emerging community safety concerns across the borough.

2. Recommendations / Key Issues for Discussion

- 2.1. Scrutiny Panel is asked to note the report.

3. Background

- 3.1. The consultation sought to gauge the views of residents, businesses, and other interested parties in regard to proposed changes to the use of Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) within the Royal Borough of Greenwich.
- 3.2. Currently the Royal Borough has three PSPOs in existence – there are Borough wide orders pertaining to dog and alcohol control; the other solely for Woolwich Town Centre introduced more stricter control on alcohol, particularly possession of open alcohol containers.
- 3.3. For any new or revised PSPO, certain criteria and legal tests must be met. The first test, and perhaps one of the most important, concerns the nature of the anti-social behaviour, requiring that the effect or likely effect of the activities:
 - is, or is likely to be, persistent or continuing in nature
 - is, or is likely to be, unreasonable
 - justifies the restrictions being imposed

4. Proposed Conditions

4.1. The proposed changes will introduce two new PSPOs; one which focuses on activity that impacts on residents and businesses borough-wide, and one which focuses on priority areas in which issues are more complex. The priority areas selected were Woolwich Town Centre, Greenwich Town Centre, Eltham Town Centre and Plumstead Town Centre.

4.2. Proposed borough-wide conditions are linked to:

- Dog Control
- Alcohol Control Where Linked to ASB:
- Misuse of Car Parks
- Consumption of Drugs and Psychoactive Substances:
- Misuse of Fireworks

4.3. Proposed priority area conditions are linked to:

- Alcohol Control:
- Restriction on Significant Anti-Social Behaviour, Individually or as a Group
- Anti-Social Loitering Within 10m of a Cashpoint
- Anti-Social Use of Vehicles on Pavements/Pedestrian Areas

5. Consultation results

5.1. Consultation closed for on 4th September 2020, and early analysis demonstrates that resident's businesses and stakeholders strongly support the introduction of all proposed conditions.

5.2. The data shows the following:

- 90% support or strongly support dog control PSPO condition
- 95% support or strongly support alcohol PSPO condition
- 84% support or strongly support fireworks PSPO condition
- 90% support or strongly support car park PSPO condition
- 96% support or strongly support drugs PSPO condition
- 90% support or strongly support priority area alcohol PSPO condition
- 97% support or strongly support priority area individual/group ASB PSPO condition
- 89% support or strongly support priority area loitering PSPO condition
- 89% support or strongly support priority area vehicle PSPO condition
- 90% support or strongly support priority area amplification PSPO condition

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