



## Public Space Protection Orders Consultation August 2020

### Introduction

#### What is a Public Space Protection Order?

A Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) is a power given to local authorities as part of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. Designed to target a particular nuisance in a specific area that is having a detrimental effect on the quality of life for those in the local community, a PSPO works by prohibiting certain things or requiring that specific things should, by law, be done. Failure to comply with a PSPO can result in a fine.

#### Does SKDC currently have any Public Space Protection Orders in place and if so, what are they for?

SKDC currently has four different types of Public Space Protection Orders in place. Two of these apply to specific areas - dog exclusion areas and alcohol control zones, and two apply district-wide – dog fouling and dogs on leads.

#### Have there been any requests for additional Public Space Protection Orders?

Yes, a request has been received from Market Deeping Town Council to introduce a Public Space Protection Order for a specific location within Market Deeping Cemetery known as The Spinney. The town council are asking that dogs are kept on their leads in an area within the cemetery which is set aside for the scattering of ashes.

#### Once implemented, do Public Space Protection Orders last for ever or do they have to be renewed?

The Public Space Protection Orders within South Kesteven have been in place since October 2017. Because of the legislation that governs them, the council is required to consult before introducing them, and prior to renewing them - which must be done every three years.

Before making this decision, SKDC would like to know what you think.  
Please spare us a few moments to complete this survey.

Thank you.

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### Existing Public Space Protection Orders

#### Dog Fouling

The council is proposing to renew the existing public space protection order which requires dog owners to pick up their dog's waste. This order applies to all land across the district which is outside and the public are entitled or permitted to have access to. To find out more, please click [here](#).

1. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this proposal? Please tick one only.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

2. If you would like to see this order amended in any way, or no longer apply, please use the space below to tell us about it.

3. Is dog fouling an issue that concerns you?

- Yes
- No

4. If yes, please give details below:



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### Dogs on leads

The council is proposing to renew the existing public space protection order which requires a person in charge of a dog to put (and keep) the dog on a lead of no more than 1 metre in length when requested to do so by an authorised officer, if such restraint is considered necessary. This order applies to all land across the district which is outside and the public are entitled or permitted to have access to. To find out more, please click [here](#).

5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this proposal? Please tick one only.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

6. If you would like to see this order amended in any way, or no longer apply, please use the space below to tell us about it.

7. Have you experienced or are concerned about nuisance behaviour from dogs not being kept under control by their owners whilst being walked?

- Yes
- No

8. If yes, please give details below:



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### Exclusion of dogs from play areas

The council is proposing to renew the existing public space protection order which requires a person in charge of a dog not to enter or permit the dog to enter or remain in an area that has been specified as an enclosed children's play area. This order applies to specific areas across the district as outlined [here](#).

9. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this proposal? Please tick one only.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

10. If you would like to see this order amended in any way, or no longer apply, please use the space below to tell us about it.

11. Are you concerned about or have experienced dogs being permitted to enter and/or remain in enclosed children's play areas?

- Yes
- No

12. If yes, please give details below:



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### Alcohol control zones

The council is proposing to renew the existing public space protection order which requires a person or persons to stop drinking alcohol in a specified area if asked to do so by an authorised officer or police officer. They are also required to surrender any opened alcohol containers, if asked to do so. The PSPO does not prohibit responsible drinking in public spaces, only problematic drinking which is causing a nuisance to others. The order applies to specific areas across the district as outlined [here](#).

13. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this proposal? Please tick one only.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

14. If you would like to see this order amended in any way, or no longer apply, please use the space below to tell us about it.

15. Are you concerned about or have experienced problematic behaviour associated with drinking in public spaces?

- Yes
- No

16. If yes, please give details below:

17. The council wants to understand and be aware of any impacts extending or not renewing the existing public space protection orders may have. Please use the space below to tell us about them.



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### Potential New Public Space Protection Order

The council is proposing to introduce a new public space protection order which will require a person in charge of a dog to put (and keep) the dog on a lead of less than 1 metre when walking through a specific location within Market Deeping Cemetery known as the Spinney. To see the area this order will cover if approved, please click [here](#).

18. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this proposal? Please tick one only.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

19. Are you concerned about or have experienced issues with the behaviour of dogs being off their lead(s) within the Spinney?

- Yes
- No

20. If yes, please give details below:

21. Will the introduction of a Public Space Protection Order for the area in Market Deeping Cemetery known as the Spinney have a significant negative impact on you?

- Yes
- No

22. if yes, please give details below:

23. Do you think there are any other options the council could consider?

Yes

No

24. If yes, please use the space below to tell us about them.



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### About you

To help us make sure that we have taken the views of all our stakeholders into account, we would like to know a bit more about you. Please be assured that any information you give us will only be used to measure if the views we have gathered are representative of the communities we serve. They will not be used to identify you in any way or be passed onto anyone else.

25. Please tell us if you are .....? Please tick all that apply.

- A resident of South Kesteven
- A parish, town, district or county councillor
- Representing a group or other organisation (please use the space below to tell us which one)
- Other (please specify)

26. What is your gender? Please tick one only.

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to say
- Other (please specify)



27. Which of the following age bands do you belong to? Please tick one only.

- Under 18
- 18 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 and over
- Prefer not to say

28. Do you consider yourself to have a disability? Please tick one only

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

29. Please tell us the first four/five digits of your postcode eg NG31 7 or PE6 2. This will only be used to see if we have received responses from across the district. It will not be used to identify you in any way.



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**Anything else**

30. If you have any questions or would like to comment on anything included in this survey, please use the space below:

31. If you would like a response to your query, please give us your contact details. They will only be used to contact you in relation to this query and will not be used for any other purpose or passed onto anyone else.

**Name**

**Address 1**

**Address 2**

**Village/Town**

**Postcode**

**Email Address**

**Phone Number**

By letting us know your thoughts on the public space protection orders currently in place as well as a proposal to add another for a specific area in Market Deeping, you will help to shape the approach South Kesteven takes on various issues including dog fouling and dog control.

Your contributions are essential and will help to inform the decision the council will take on public space protection orders across the district.

Thank you for taking part.

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