



**SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

Joint Environment and Rural & Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Report of Councillor Virginia Moran
Cabinet Member for Housing.

Review of the Public Spaces Protection Order (Vehicle Nuisance, Stamford)

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Purpose of Report

The Council is required to review the Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's) which apply in the district. This is required every three years. This report considers whether the existing order in place should be extended.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

- 1. Consider the proposed extension of the existing PSPO for vehicle related nuisance and anti-social behaviour covering the following areas within Stamford: the Station Road car park (also known as Cattle Market), the Meadows and Bath Row.**
- 2. Consider the proposed variation to the existing PSPO for vehicle related nuisance and anti-social behaviour covering the following areas within Stamford: the Station Road car park (also known as Cattle Market), the Meadows and Bath Row.**

3. **Recommend that Cabinet approves the extension and variation of the PSPO (for a further 3 years).**

Decision Information

Does the report contain any exempt or confidential information not for publication?	No
What are the relevant corporate priorities?	Effective council
Which wards are impacted?	Stamford St Marys;

1. Implications

Taking into consideration implications relating to finance and procurement, legal and governance, risk and mitigation, health and safety, diversity and inclusion, safeguarding, staffing, community safety, mental health and wellbeing and the impact on the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency, the following implications have been identified:

Finance and Procurement

1.1 There are no budget implications related to extending this PSPO.

Completed by: David Scott – Assistant Director of Finance and Deputy S151 Officer.

Legal and Governance

1.2 The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 sets out the requirements for consultation. A PSPO can be made if, on reasonable grounds, the local authority is satisfied that the required conditions are met. As stated in the report, the PSPOs can last for up to three years once approved and can be varied or extended more than once if certain criteria under section 60 of the Act are met.

Completed by: Emma Powley – Interim Democratic Services Manager

Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion

1.3 This report relates to a review of current public space protection orders (PSPOs). At the time of the original order being put in place, Equality Impact Assessments were carried out. One relating to the consultation before the order was put in place and one at implementation. The latter has been reviewed and refreshed by the responsible officers and is attached as an appendix to this report. Whilst the enforcement of the PSPO is not determined by any relevant protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010, the Council is mindful that any information pertaining to such orders should be made available in alternative formats on request for people with disabilities.

Completed by: Carol Drury, Community Development Manager

2. Background to the Report

- 2.1 Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's) were introduced by the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 to deal with nuisance or problems in specific areas that are detrimental to the local community's quality of life, by imposing conditions on the use of that area which apply to everyone. They are intended to help ensure that the law-abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces, safe from anti-social behaviour. They can apply to any public space. The definition of public space is wide and includes any place to which the public or any section of the public has access
- 2.2 A PSPO can be made by the Council if it is satisfied, on reasonable grounds, that the activity or behaviour concerned, carried out, or likely to be carried out in a public space:
- has had, or is likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality;
 - is, or is likely to be, persistent or continuing in nature;
 - is, or is likely to be, unreasonable; and
 - justifies the restrictions imposed.
- 2.3 Existing PSPO's must be reviewed every three years and can be extended up to a further three years if it is considered that they are necessary to prevent the original behaviour from occurring or recurring. The existing PSPO can be found within the background papers to this report.
- 2.4 Evidence to support the support the continuation of the existing PSPO for vehicle related nuisance and anti-social behaviour covering the following areas within Stamford: the Station Road car park (also known as Cattle Market), the Meadows and Bath Row, has been gathered, reviewed and is provided within Appendix B to this report.
- 2.5 This PSPO was put in place to tackle vehicle related nuisance and anti-social behaviour on the 20 October 2023, for a period of up to 3 years.
- 2.5 It is proposed that the PSPO is extended for a further period of 3 years and also varied to include the new areas of the carpark on Station Road (Cattle Market). Appendix D to this report provides the proposed map and areas to be included in the extended and varied PSPO.

3. Key Considerations

- 3.1 PSPO's are a useful tool in local authorities, working in partnership with the Police, enabling a proactive approach to tackle specific issues occurring in particular public spaces. The prohibition of certain activities acts as a deterrent and gives authorised

officers the tools in which to tackle the behaviours which are affecting the wider community.

- 3.2 If this existing PSPO is not renewed, South Kesteven District Council and Lincolnshire Police will have a limited ability to tackle these behaviours.
- 3.3 If the existing PSPO is not varied to include new parts of the car park, then this PSPO will not apply to those areas, limiting enforcement activity.

4. Other Options Considered

- 4.1 This existing PSPO could be allowed to expire. This would remove the ability to enforce against the matters covered by the Order.

5. Reasons for the Recommendations

- 5.1 This existing Public Space Protection Order is due to expire in October 2026, by extending the PSPO, and varying to include new areas within the carpark, this will allow the PSPO to act as a deterrent and prohibit vehicle related nuisance and anti-social behaviour.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 Under s72 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, a local authority must carry out the necessary consultation before extending, varying or making a PSPO. Necessary consultation means consulting with the Chief Officer of Police, the local policing body, whatever community representatives the authority deems appropriate and the owner or occupier of land within any of the restricted area.
- 6.2 Consultation has now taken place, and this occurred between 6th May 2026 and 3rd June 2026. Full information relating to that consultation (including who was consulted and the feedback received), can be found within Appendix C to this report

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 Existing PSPO: [Vehicle Nuisance \(redacted\) PSPO Mar 2024.pdf](#)
- 7.2 [Cabinet 10th October, 2023- Approval of the PSPO](#)

8. Appendices

- 1.1. Appendix A Equality Impact Assessment
- Appendix B Police and SKDC Data
- Appendix C Consultation Report
- Appendix D Proposed Public Spaces Protection Order and Map