

## Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) 2025 consultation

Southampton City Council is consulting on proposals to re-implement PSPOs in certain areas in the city, with additional controlled activities of street drinking, aggressive begging and drug misuse.

We would like to hear your thoughts on the proposals and any impacts or alternative suggestions you would like us to consider. Now is your opportunity to have your say.

Please complete the following questionnaire to read more about the proposals and to give us your views.

The consultation questionnaire is also available to complete online at [www.southampton.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.southampton.gov.uk/consultations).

You can also email your feedback or any questions you have to us at [yourcity.yoursay@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:yourcity.yoursay@southampton.gov.uk).

This consultation closes on **Friday 11 July 2025**.

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### ***Background***

The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 enables the Council to create 'Public Space Protection Orders' (PSPOs) to control antisocial behaviour in public spaces.

The areas covered by PSPOs in Southampton, to try and reduce antisocial behaviour from street drinking, included parts of the city centre, Bitterne, Portswood, Shirley, Woolston, and Mount Pleasant. Full details are available on the Council's website [here](#).

A person who fails to comply with the requirements of a PSPO, for example, by drinking alcohol in a public place where a PSPO says they are not allowed to, is committing an offence, and may be issued with a £100 fine. The PSPO also provides the power for police or a PCSO to require a person drinking alcohol in public to surrender their alcohol (or anything which is reasonably believed to be alcohol).

Southampton City Council is proposing to re-implement the PSPOs in the city for a further three years, with additional rules around aggressive begging and drug misuse. This questionnaire seeks your views on the detail of the proposals and any impacts they might have if they are implemented.

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### ***Proposed activities to be covered***

The activity previously controlled under the PSPOs in Southampton was street drinking, defined as:

- (a) The consumption of alcohol or being in possession of an open container of alcohol, and/or;
- (b) Loitering for the purpose of consuming alcohol.

We are proposing to update the PSPOs in the city so that they cover street drinking, aggressive begging and drug misuse.

Aggressive begging would be defined as:

(a) Loitering or begging in a manner that causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm, distress, nuisance or annoyance to any person. This may include repeated requests for money, following a person, using false or misleading information when requesting money, or delivering or attempting to deliver unrequested or unsolicited services or products with a demand or pressure for money.

Drug misuse would be defined as:

(a) Possession or consumption, in any manner, of an intoxicating substance (see the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016), with the exception of a prescribed substance that has been prescribed for their use.

The definition of street drinking would remain the same as previously.

If someone is reasonably suspected of being in contravention of the requirements of the PSPO, an authorised person (i.e. a police constable, PCSO, or council officer) may require that person to leave the restricted area. In these cases, reasonable consideration might be given to allowing the person to remain in the area for the purpose of using facilities like a bus or train station to leave the area.

***Proposed activities to be covered***

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposals to include street drinking, aggressive begging and drug misuse in the PSPOs in Southampton?**

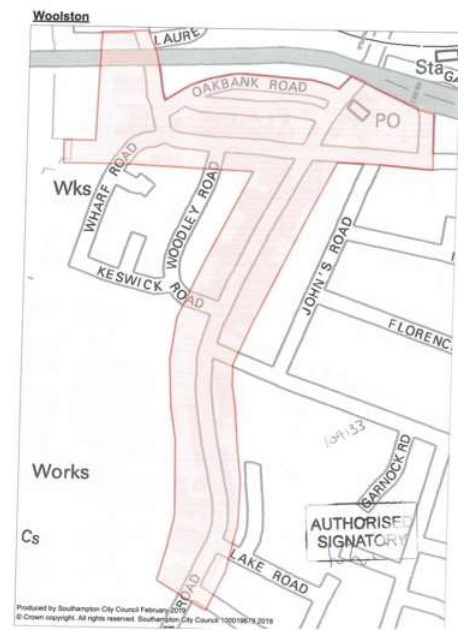
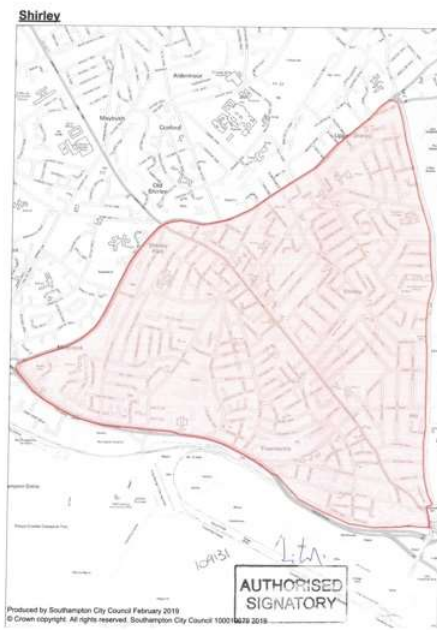
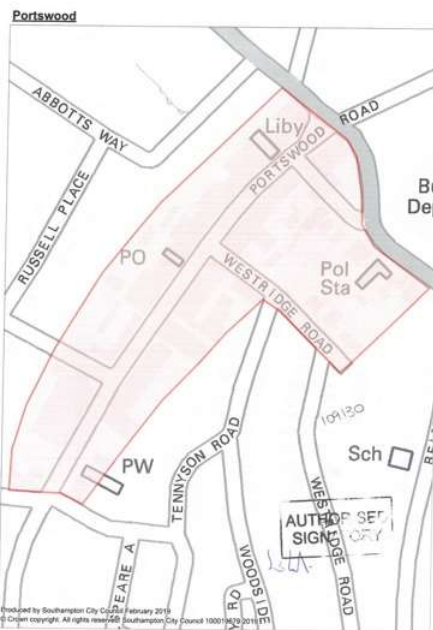
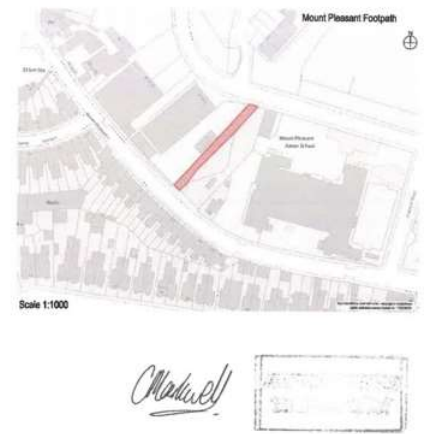
	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Slightly agree</i>	<i>Neither</i>	<i>Slightly disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
Street drinking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aggressive begging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drug misuse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**If you disagree, or have any other comments, impacts, suggestions or alternatives you feel we should consider, please provide details below.**

## Proposed boundaries of the PSPOs

We are proposing to keep the boundaries of the PSPOs in Southampton the same as they were previously, as per the maps below.

Larger versions of the boundary maps are available for PDF download on the SCC website.



## ***Proposed boundaries of the PSPOs***

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed PSPO boundaries?**

	Strongly agree	Slightly agree	Neither	Slightly disagree	Strongly disagree
Bitterne	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
City centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mount Pleasant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Portswood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shirley	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Woolston	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**If you disagree or have any comments, impacts, suggestions or alternatives you feel we should consider, please provide details below.**

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## ***Overall impact of the PSPOs***

**If the PSPOs were to be implemented as proposed, what impact do you think this would have on you, your family, your business or the wider community?**

☐ Very positive    ☐ Slightly positive    ☐ No impact    ☐ Slightly negative    ☐ Very negative    ☐ Don't know

**Please use the following space to tell us more about the potential impacts of the PSPOs and if there is anything else we should consider.**

## About you

### Are you...?

	Yes	No
A Southampton resident	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resident of an area covered by a proposed PSPO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Someone that works, visits and/or studies in Southampton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responding on behalf of a business/organisation (including voluntary and community organisations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responding on behalf of a business or organisation (including voluntary/community organisations) within the area covered by a proposed PSPO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
An Southampton City Council employee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**What is your postcode?** *This is used for geographical analysis only and will not be used to contact or identify you.*

### What is your sex?

☐

Female

☐

Male

☐

Prefer not to say

### Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

☐

Yes

☐

No

☐

Prefer not to say

If no, please write in your gender identity:

### What is your age?

☐

Under 18

☐

35 - 44

☐

65 - 74

☐

18 - 24

☐

45 - 54

☐

75+

☐

25 - 34

☐

55 - 64

☐

Prefer not to say

### How would you describe your ethnic group?

☐

Asian or Asian British

☐

White other

☐

Black, Black British, Caribbean or African

☐

Other ethnic group

☐

Mixed or multiple ethnic groups

☐

Prefer not to say

☐

White British

**Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or impairments, lasting 12 months or more, that have a substantial effect on your ability to carry out day-to-day activities?**

☐

Yes

☐

No

☐

Prefer not to say

*The following three questions are for those responding on behalf of a business or organisation only.*

**Can the name of your business or organisation be attributed to your response?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

**Can we contact you about your response to this consultation?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

**If yes, please provide us with the following details:**

Business/organisation name

Contact name

Contact email

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### ***What happens next?***

The consultation closes on **Friday 11 July 2025**. After this date, all feedback will be analysed and considered before a final decision is made.

Please return completed surveys to:

*Consultations,  
First Floor, West Wing,  
Civic Centre,  
Southampton,  
SO14 7LY.*

Alternatively, please hand completed surveys back to any Southampton City Council-run library.

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