

# Public Space Protection Order – Public Consultation Overview

## 1. Introduction

1.1. SBC are considering the implementation of a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)

1.2. The order has been drafted to tackle two specific elements of anti-social behaviour that are contributing to high levels of reports across the two towns, despite the work of the Council and partners.

### 1.3. Begging

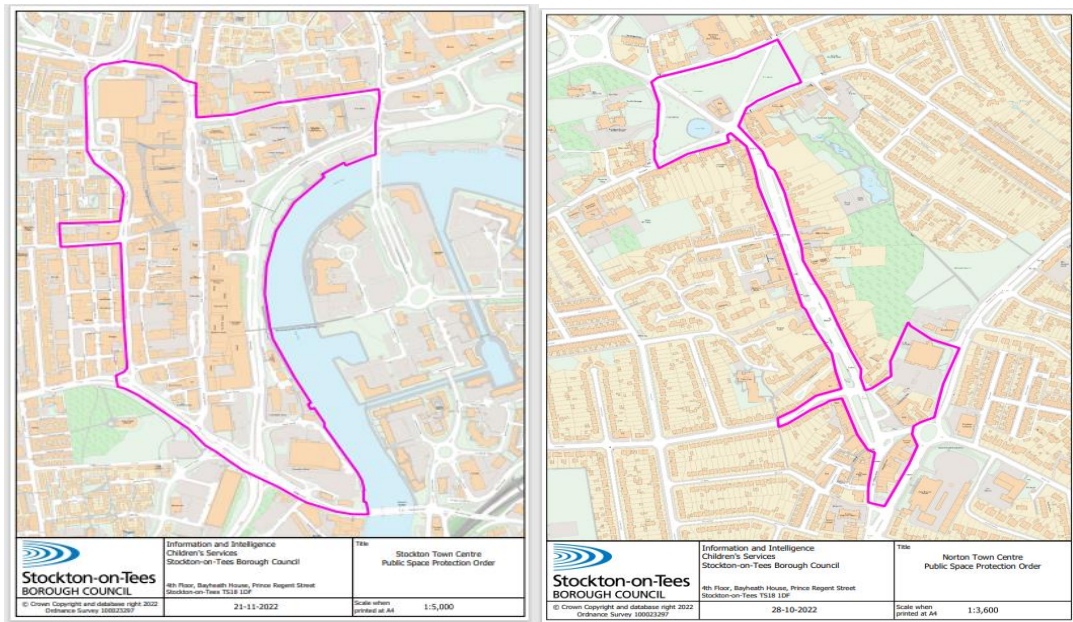
No person shall aggressively beg within a designated PSPO area.

Aggressive begging includes but is not limited to begging in a manner a reasonable person would perceive to be threatening, intimidating or aggressive, approaching or following a member of the public.

### 1.4. Alcohol Consumption

To prevent a public nuisance or disorder, a person is not permitted to consume alcohol within a designated PSPO area.

Persons within the designated areas are, on the request of an authorised Officer, to comply immediately with a request to cease drinking alcohol and surrender any sealed or unsealed containers believed to contain alcohol in their possession.



## 2. Social Media

- 2.1. As part of the statutory PSPO process, the Council are required to undertake extensive consultation with a range of relevant or interested parties. As part of this, a public consultation was undertaken alongside more specific consultation work with partners and elected Members.
- 2.2. This consultation took place between 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022.
- 2.3. Throughout this period, Town Centre Ambassadors carried out face to face consultation at peak footfall hours within the proposed PSPO areas with businesses, residents and visitors.
- 2.4. Other Consultees:
  - Chief Constable of Cleveland Police – statutory requirement
  - Police and Crime Commissioner – statutory requirement
  - Town Centre Businesses
  - Town Centre Board
  - Internal Council Services
  - Safer Stockton Partnership
  - Members of Parliament and local elected Councillors
- 2.5. As part of the public consultation, we carried out social media engagement namely three rounds of engagement of platforms such as Facebook and Twitter. These were successful and has the following reach:

17 November 2022

- 91 comments
- 66 shares
- 13,939 reach
- 2,455 engagement

5 December 2022

- 21 comments
- 17 shares
- 11,297 reach
- 1,224 engagement

11 December 2022

- 8 comments
- 14 shares
- 5,971 reach
- 577 engagement

- 2.6. Additional promotion and engagement was also undertaken by our partners including Cleveland Police, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Cleveland Fire Brigade and other non-statutory partners who form the Safer Stockton Partnership.

### 3. Findings

3.1. Overall, during the PSPO consultation period – 1312 surveys were completed.

Question	% of Answer	Count
I'd like to comment on anti-social behaviour issues in Stockton Town Centre	58.30%	727
I'd like to comment on anti-social behaviour issues in Norton Town Centre	13.07%	163
I'd like to comment on anti-social behaviour issues in BOTH Stockton and Norton Town Centre	28.63%	357
Chose not to answer but progressed with survey	4.95%	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1312</b>

#### 4. Stockton Town Centre

4.1. Question 1: I have been affected by aggressive begging in Stockton Town Centre.

Answer	% of Answer
Yes	81.44%
No	18.56%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

4.2. Question 2: There is a problem with aggressive begging in Stockton Town Centre.

Answer	% of Answer
Strongly Agree	67.27%
Agree	25.02%
Neither agree or disagree	5.61%
Disagree	1.24%
Strongly Disagree	0.86%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

4.3. Question 3: The presence of aggressive begging influences my decision in terms of visiting Stockton Town Centre.

Answer	% of Answer
Strongly Agree	55.70%
Agree	26.10%
Neither agree or disagree	12.17%
Disagree	4.19%
Strongly Disagree	1.85%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

4.4. Question 4: I have been affected by Street Drinking in Stockton Town Centre.

Answer	% of Answer
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Yes	80.57%
No	19.43%
Total	100%

4.5. Question 5: There is a problem with Street Drinking in Stockton Town Centre.

Answer	% of Answer
Strongly Agree	70.47%
Agree	21.63%
Neither agree or disagree	6.31%
Disagree	0.93%
Strongly Disagree	0.65%
Total	100%

4.6. Question 6: The presence of street drinking influences my decision in terms of visiting Stockton Town Centre.

Answer	% of Answer
Strongly Agree	59.54%
Agree	22.32%
Neither agree or disagree	12.35%
Disagree	4.18%
Strongly Disagree	1.61%
Total	100%

4.7. Question 7: The introduction of a PSPO preventing aggressive begging and street drinking would make me feel safer when visiting Stockton Town Centre.

Answer	% of Answer
Strongly Agree	69.85%
Agree	21.78%
Neither agree or disagree	5.24%
Disagree	1.29%
Strongly Disagree	1.84%
Total	100%

## 5. Norton Town Centre

5.1. Question 1: I have been affected by aggressive begging in Norton Town Centre.

Answer	% of Answer
Yes	68.88%
No	31.12%
Total	100%

5.2. Question 2: There is a problem with aggressive begging in Norton Town Centre.

Answer	% of Answer
Strongly Agree	43.67%
Agree	37.12%
Neither agree or disagree	13.10%
Disagree	3.71%
Strongly Disagree	2.40%
Total	100%

5.3. Question 3: The presence of aggressive begging influences my decision in terms of visiting Norton Town Centre.

Answer	% of Answer
Strongly Agree	33.71%
Agree	25.97%
Neither agree or disagree	23.23%
Disagree	12.30%
Strongly Disagree	4.78%
Total	100%

5.4. Question 4: I have been affected by Street Drinking in Norton Town Centre.

Answer	% of Answer
Yes	57.96%
No	42.04%
Total	100%

5.5. Question 5: There is a problem with Street Drinking in Norton Town Centre.

Answer	% of Answer
Strongly Agree	35.71%
Agree	34.20%
Neither agree or disagree	17.75%
Disagree	9.31%
Strongly Disagree	3.03%
Total	100%

5.6. Question 6: The presence of street drinking influences my decision in terms of visiting Norton Town Centre.

Answer	% of Answer
Strongly Agree	30.36%
Agree	26.56%
Neither agree or disagree	23.21%

Disagree	14.73%
Strongly Disagree	5.13%
Total	100%

5.7. Question 7: The introduction of a PSPO preventing aggressive begging and street drinking would make me feel safer when visiting Norton Town Centre.

Answer	% of Answer
Strongly Agree	56.00%
Agree	28.63%
Neither agree or disagree	8.84%
Disagree	3.37%
Strongly Disagree	3.16%
Total	100%